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## THAI AND INDO-CHINA POSTPONE ARMISTICE: PARLEY OPENS TO-DAY

Special to the "Telegraph"

SAIGON, JAN. 28 (UP).—THE JAPANESE CRUISER NATORI, ACCOMPANIED BY A DESTROYER, ARRIVED AT 2 P.M. FOR THE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS AMIDST EXPLODING FIRECRACKERS AND THOUSANDS OF FLUTTERING CHINESE FLAGS WHICH MARKED SAIGON'S POPULATION OF 260,000 CHINESE WHO ARE CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, GENERAL SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION, CONSUL-GENERAL HAYASHI AND FOUR JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM HANOI AND LATER THE THAI DELEGATION ARRIVED FROM BANGKOK.

### Retreating Italians Reform

## RESISTANCE AT AGORDAT?

CAIRO, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—After their hasty 100-mile retreat into Eritrea from the Sudanese frontier, there are signs that the Italians have finally decided to offer resistance at Agordat, an important town on the railway running to the Red Sea.

## Rumania Closes All Gates Sima Flees From Country

BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—All Rumanian passports must be stamped with a special visa before their owners can leave the country, according to a decree issued by General Ion Antonescu. The order includes diplomats.

Presumably it aims at preventing the escape of persons wanted by the Government for their share in the abortive Iron Guard revolt.

Press reports received here to-day state that Floria Sima, leader of the Iron Guard and Vice-Premier of Rumania, is now definitely known to have fled from Rumania.

Meanwhile the military authorities claim to have made a huge haul of arms from the rebels and to have recovered 70 lorry-loads of property looted by Iron Guards.

King Michael and the Queen Mother have given 500,000 lei for the fund for the benefit of families of soldiers killed in the revolt.

General Antonescu is suffering from influenza.

## Soviet-Axis Channel

### Halifax And Blockade

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, for nearly an hour to-day, Lord Halifax, the new British Ambassador, told newsmen that he expected to take up with the State Department in the immediate future the question of exports to Russia, which Britain believes are replacing the Soviet's shipments to Germany.

Lord Halifax said that a "considerable amount" of American goods had been shipped to Russia and that "there may be more in future."

Lord Halifax said that he believed that shipments were also being made to Russia from Latin-American countries.

### Military Value

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Commenting on Mr. Hugh Dalton's statement in the House of Commons regarding United States exports to the U.S.S.R., Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said that he believed that American exports to the Soviet Union were insufficient to be of any great military value to Germany.

The Hongkong Singers, as a result of their recent Concert at the Peninsula Hotel supplemented by sundry donations, have now despatched a Draft for £30 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund.

The armistice negotiations will commence at 3 p.m. on January 29 on board the cruiser Natori, and will continue twice daily until concluded which French officials expect will be within two or three days.

Meanwhile, a Japanese squadron is still cruising off Cape Saint Jacques. The arrival of the cruiser Natori has created gloom amongst the Frenchmen here who predicted that it is a forerunner to Japanese expansion in southern Indo-China.

## LINER'S ALLEGED S.O.S.

Nazi Ruse To Locate  
British Ship

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The liner Empress of Australia was almost certainly in harbour, it is pointed out in London, when the alleged attack on her took place.

An S.O.S. said to have come from the ship, stated that she was in a position some 200 miles west of Dakar. This would mean that the nearest British port would be Freetown, in Sierra Leone, about 600 miles away. Thus the ship could not possibly have reached a British port during the time between the alleged S.O.S. and the announcement that the ship was safe.

It is suggested that the Germans most probably are anxious to discover the whereabouts of the Empress of Australia and sent out the fictitious S.O.S. in the hope of learning this.

## Khalsa Defence Of India League

LAHORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Executive Committee of the Khalsa Defence of India League has decided to send a deputation, under the leadership of the Maharaja of Patiala, to wait on the Commander-in-Chief to press the rights and claims of the Sikh community in respect of entrance into the Indian Army.

The Executive Committee has also resolved to constitute committees of the League throughout the Punjab.

## Boothby Resignation And Czech Assets

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A debate was held this afternoon on the resignation of Mr Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Food, following the inquiry by the Select Committee into his conduct in connection with Czech assets.

Mr Boothby made a long statement, declaring that his activities had been not only innocent but actually praiseworthy. The important thing was to stop £77,000,000 going to the Nazis and that was done.

His main objectives were to prevent the money going to the Germans and to secure its distribution among Czech residents in Britain, many of whom would otherwise have been penniless to-day.

"Looking back, the whole unfortunate business seems so unnecessary. A postscript to a letter, a sentence or two in conversation or speech, which could have altered neither facts nor the course of events nor my conduct, were all that was required, but it never occurred to me that they were necessary. Maybe I was thoughtless."

### Hostilities Continue

HANOI, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is officially stated that hostilities between Thailand and Indo-China have not ceased on the northern front. A Government communique issued at 1 p.m. said that Thai troops are continuing their machine gun fire northwest of Luangprabang.

It was also declared that the Government had not received any news from Saigon as to whether or not the armistice began at 10 a.m.

### High Command Report

BANGKOK, Jan. 28 (UP).—The High Command, detailing the fighting until the order to cease firing at 10 a.m., said that Thai forces continued to advance on all fronts and had captured Chongchong, a strategic sector. Two towns were occupied in the Ubol sector and the troops also advanced from Banamrong, occupying Chongha.

In the Champassak sector, the French artillery fired on Kookuan in an abortive attempt to recapture the city; however, the Thai forces repulsed the attack.

Yesterday at 11.15 a.m. two French twin-motored planes dropped bombs on a forest at an undisclosed point. The Thai air force to-day bombed Pailin and Sisophon for two hours and also attacked French troops positions with good results. All planes returned despite strong anti-aircraft resistance.

## Vichy-Berlin Exchanges

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Comte de Brinon, the Vichy Government representative in Paris, has returned to Paris from Germany with Hitler's reply to the message sent him by Marshal Petain last month, according to the Swiss radio.

Marshal Petain's message, which is understood to have concerned the Marshal's conditions for Franco-German co-operation, was transmitted to Hitler by the Vichy Minister of Marine, Admiral Darlan, when he visited Paris during Christmas week.

Previously there had been a series of unconfirmed reports that Hitler had made far-reaching demands, mainly concerning the future of the French Fleet.

## Moscow Mouthpiece On Finnish White Guards

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A reminder that they were living in a frontier republic and must actively co-operate to strengthen the country's defences was uttered by M. Kuusinen, President of the Supreme Council of the Karelian-Finnish-Soviet Republic, speaking at Petrozavodsk at a meeting marking the anniversary of Lenin's death.

M. Kuusinen declared that Finnish White Guards, who are saying that they are striving to maintain friendly relations with the U.S.S.R., are actually imprisoning and beating up friends of the Soviet Union in Finland and a Finnish Court recently decided to close the Society of Friends with the Soviet Union on grounds that it was impairing Soviet-Finnish relations.

## Luftwaffe Resumes Raids

Ends Eight Days Of  
Inactivity

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The German air force sent a steady trickle of planes over the eastern and south-eastern counties of England to-day after leaving London and most of Britain severely alone for eight consecutive nights and almost all the intervening hours of daylight.

An Air Ministry communique issued this evening stated, "It is believed that some lone raiders were fulfilling the purpose of reconnaissance to report on the weather."

### Four Alerts

The London-area had four alerts. After the third, a basket of incendiary bombs fell in one district. Trolley buses were held up while wardens, police and civilians, benefiting from the experience of recent fire-raising attempts by night, quickly put out the incendiaries with sandbags conveniently resting against lamp-posts and at street corners.

Several high explosives were dropped in a residential area and considerable damage was done to houses, but there were no serious casualties other than one woman killed while walking in the street.

### Eastern Counties

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A number of enemy aircraft crossed the south coast and flew over south-east England this afternoon.

They dropped bombs through the clouds but no important damage was reported and there were very few casualties.

In the morning an enemy aircraft dropped several bombs at a point in the eastern counties, causing little damage and no casualties.

## Conscientious Objectors Ill Treated

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The War Minister, Captain David Margesson, has decided that one officer and six non-commissioned officers, against whom allegations of ill-treating conscientious objectors have been made, will be tried by Court Martial.

In announcing the decision in the House of Commons, Captain Margesson said that the House would appreciate that he could not make a further statement while the matter has sub judice.

### Bose Still Missing

CALCUTTA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The mystery of Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance continues.

His relatives describe his disappearance as a sudden religious impulse.

NANKING, Jan. 28 (Domel).—Mr Chu Min-yi, newly-appointed Chinese ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Mr Chang Cheng, adviser to the Ambassador, left here by air this afternoon for Tokyo.

## HONGKONG BOY GIVEN "BLUE"

News has just been received by his father in Hongkong that William ("Bill") Pryde, youngest son of Mr Walter Pryde of the P.W.D., who was a Peace Memorial Scholarship winner, has been awarded his soccer Blue at Cambridge.

The young man, who was a Central British School student, played at outside-right for the Cantabs against Oxford and scored the first of his team's two goals. The Varsities drew two-all.

## Chiang Says Incident Is Closed

Disbandment Of The  
Fourth Route Army

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at the Kuomintang's weekly Sun Yat Sen memorial service on Monday, said that the Fourth Route Army incident is closed and does not remain in any way, shape or form.

He said that he expected all national armies to obey orders and to adhere strictly to their fields of action and the duties assigned to them. The disbandment of the fourth route soldiers has no bearing on other sections of the national forces, he said, and added, "there are absolutely no political or party issues involved."

Since he had disciplined the Fourth Route soldiers, there had been much Japanese propaganda and rumours which were "grossly false reports."

"In China to-day there is absolute unanimity in purpose amongst the people and the armed forces. None TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## The Fleet Versus Warplanes

Expert's Confidence  
In Our Sea Units

(BY "REUTERS" AIR  
CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Full confidence in the continued fighting power of the British Fleet was expressed to-day in the first comment by a high British naval officer on the air war at sea since the Battle of the Straits of Sicily began.

"Air action will not seriously hamper the power of the Navy so long as you have enough aircraft carriers," he said. "Our continued operations in the Mediterranean, despite both the German and Italian air forces, prove this."

"By the very nature of the Fleet's continued action, there must be reverses in the care of the cruiser Southampton and the aircraft carrier Illustrious."

In this officer's view, there is very little danger of a capital ship being sunk by a bombing attack, for it is able to take such heavy punishment. Discussing the relative merits of the British and German air action at TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## LATEST

### Submarine Lost

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the British submarine Triton is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

See Back Page For  
Further Late News

## Morgenthau Wants Aid To Britain Sanction

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The collapse of France had doubled Britain's financial liabilities, declared Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lend Lease and Lend Bill.

Britain, he said, had taken over all French contracts in the United States although she no longer had the help of French money to pay for them.

British gold and other dollar assets had been depleted by \$2,310,000,000 in the first six months of war.

Mr Morgenthau told the Committee that British purchases of war material had virtually stopped in December.

Urging speedy approval of the Lend Lease and Lend Bill, he declared that it was a necessity demonstrated by a telephone conversation which he had had yesterday. "Mr Knudsen (Director-General of the Committee to speed up United States arms production) called me up and asked if something could not be done to permit the British order for 2,000 planes which they want but for which they had not been able to place orders."

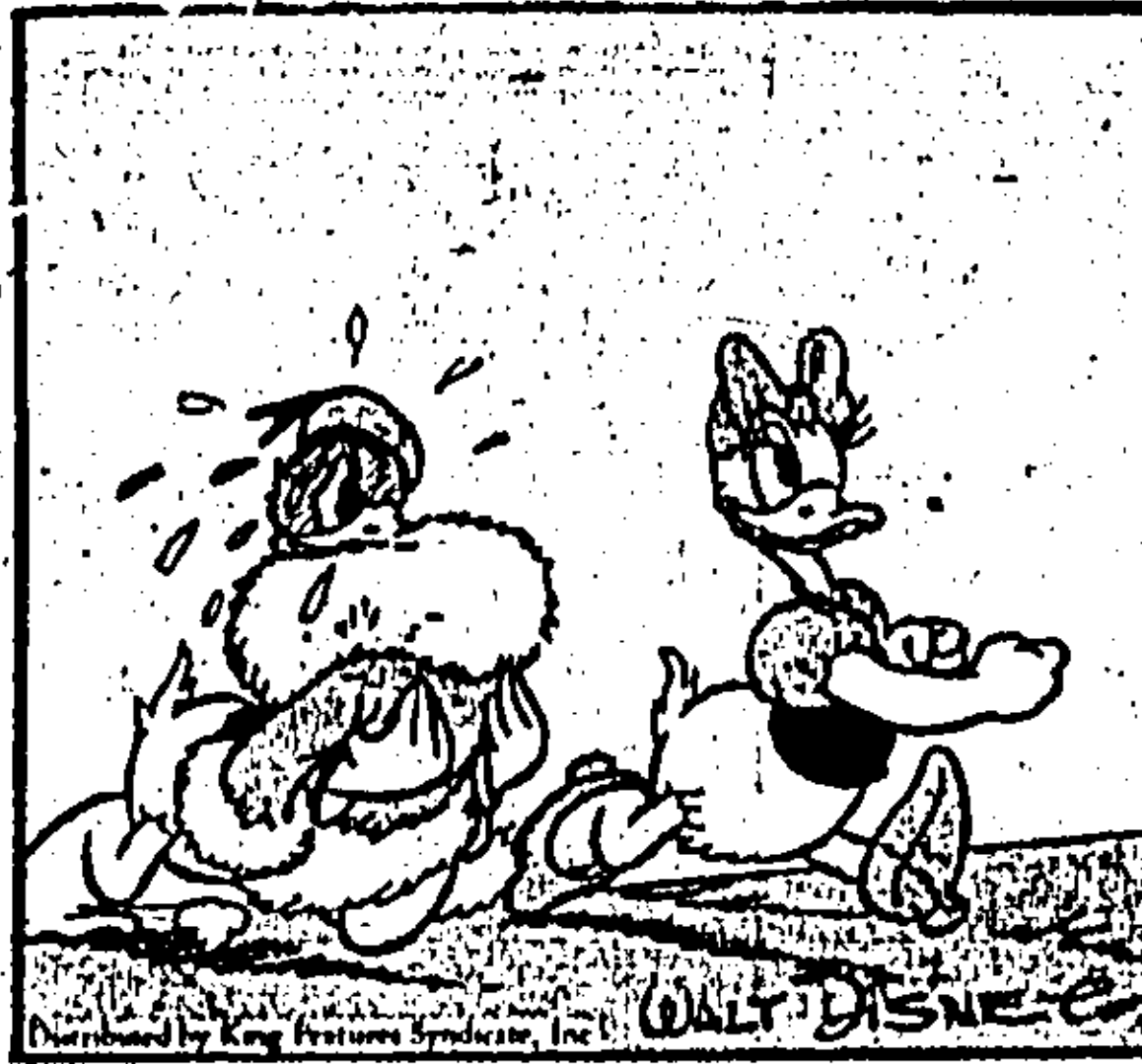
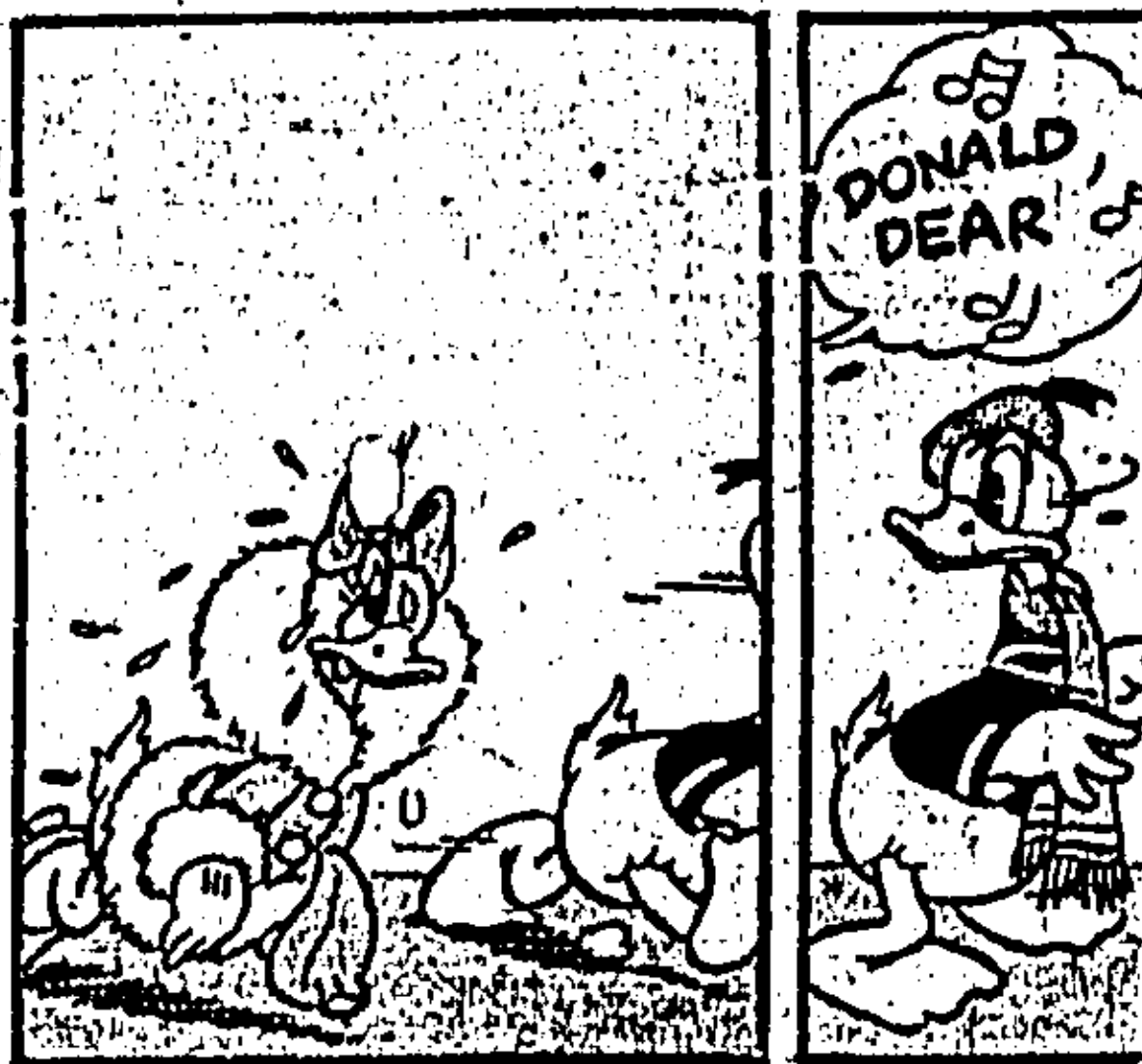
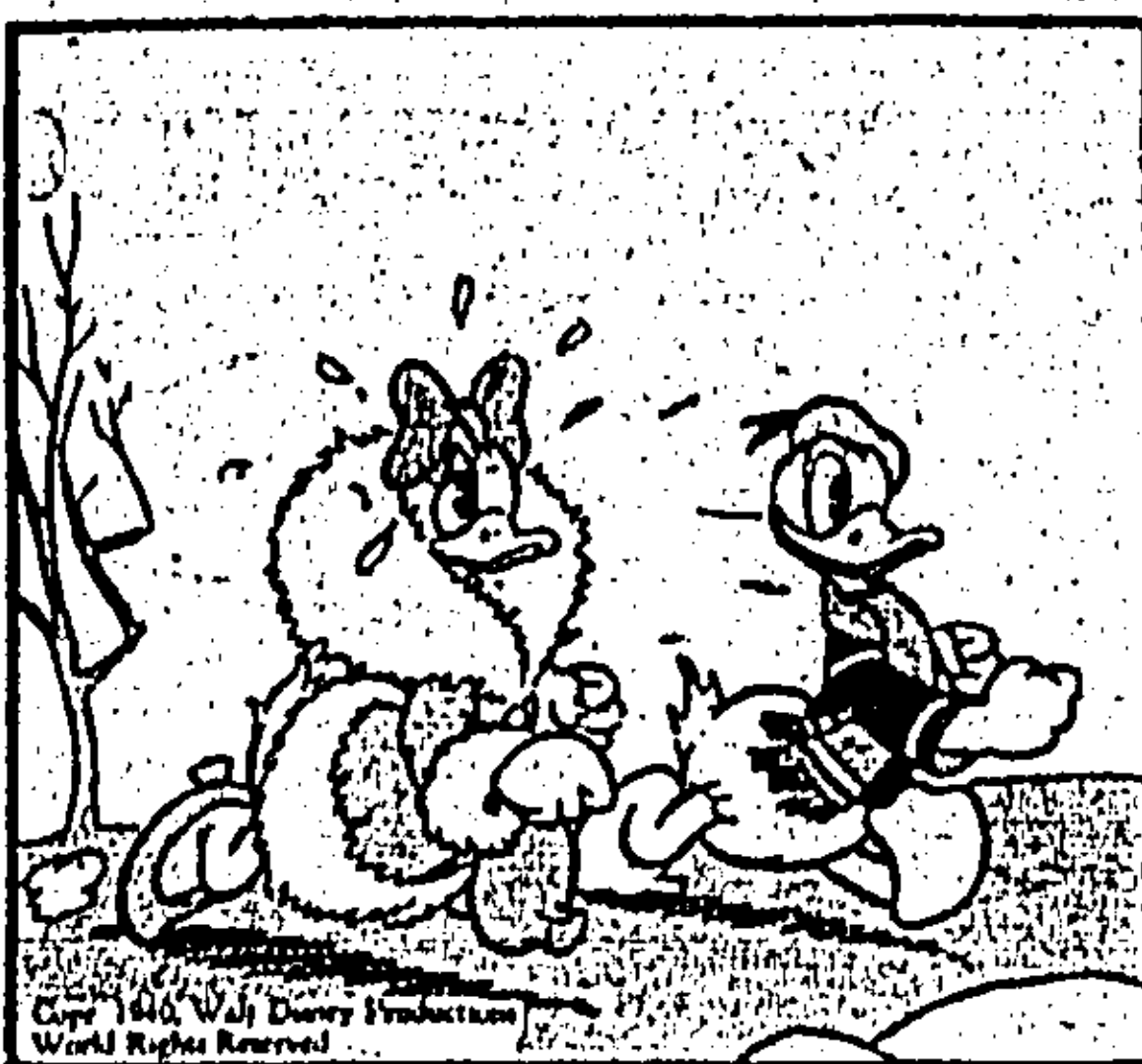
Morgenthau added that Mr Knudsen told him that plenty of capacity was available for orders if they could not be placed.







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## RAIDED LONDON CARRIES ON



A PILOT OFFICER, recently awarded the D.F.C., arrived on leave in London one morning just in time to help salvage furniture from the ruins of his home. The house had been wrecked by a bomb during the night. He had been expected home the evening before, but delay during the journey prevented him from being in the house when it was wrecked.



MEN OF THE PIONEER CORPS clearing up in a London street after trams had been hit during a raid on the City.



FATHER ARCHER assisting a rescue squad to dig out 12 people trapped under a mass of wreckage in London. When faint cries were heard from the debris Father Archer knelt amid the ruins and offered a prayer for those below.



AFTER BEING ENTOMBED for 18 hours this cat was rescued from the debris of one of the houses. It had crawled into a cupboard and its plaintive "mewings" were heard by demolition men.

## Thai Border Fighting Still in Progress

Bangkok, Jan. 28.—Prospects of a truce agreement and cession of hostilities seem to be jeopardised if the Secretary-General of French Indo-China is correctly reported in saying that fighting will only end if the Thai forces are withdrawn completely from French Indo-China.

Reuters learns from official quarters that Thai forces will not be withdrawn from Indo-China as a condition precedent to peace negotiations.

Domel reports that an emergency Cabinet meeting was held on Monday in Bangkok to discuss the French-Thai proposals for an armistice.

## Firing Still Continues

Bangkok, Jan. 28.

A High Command communique declared that at 11 a.m. to-day the French were still firing on the Thai forces, although the Thai forces ceased their fire at 10 a.m. The French continued to fire in the Vientiane, Pakse and Sipsophon areas, despite the agreement to cease fire.

Luang Pibul, Supreme Commander, has notified the Japanese Mediation Mission that the French are continuing to fire.

A Foreign Office announcement declares that a truce agreement will be worked out before negotiations for the settlement of the dispute begin. The Council of Ministers had an extraordinary session to-day. The Japanese Consul-General at Hanoi, Mr. Fujio Minoda has arrived.

Official quarters announce that the Thai forces will not be withdrawn from Indo-China before peace negotiations begin. Truce negotiations will be carried on in Indo-China as soon as possible. The Thai delegates will probably go to Indo-China this week and following the successful conclusion of the truce agreement negotiations will be opened in Tokyo. Thai observers are confident that Japan's mediation will award Thailand the disputed territories. Some feel that if Thailand's original request is not granted hostilities will be resumed. The people are calm and there has been no celebration of the cessation of hostilities. There is no sign of excitement throughout the city.

Official quarters say France must agree to the Thai forces remaining in Indo-China and also the establishment of a neutral zone between the opposing forces along the present front before Thailand will sign the truce agreement. Negotiations for a settlement of the dispute will follow the signing of the truce agreement, United Press.

## Occupied Territory

Singapore, Jan. 28. A Thai Consulate communique states that by an order dated January 28, the Thailand Supreme Command issued administrative regulations incorporating the territory already occupied within the contiguous Thai provinces.—Reuters.

## Thailand Returns Fire

Bangkok, Jan. 28. The High Command announced that fighting had been resumed, the Thai forces returning the French fire at 1 p.m. as the French had not ceased firing at 10 a.m., according to the agreement.

The French took advantage of the Thai cessation of firing and opened heavy artillery fire," declares the communique. "They also sent reinforcements to the French positions at Sansamrong. We were forced to open fire in self defence at 1.30 p.m., resulting in the defeat of the French and the taking of many prisoners. The incident has been reported to the Japanese Government."—United Press.

## Conference at Saigon

Saigon, Jan. 28. The truce conference will probably begin to-morrow. The French delegates, led by Colonel Juin, arrived here to-day by aeroplane. Thai delegates are also beginning to arrive.

It is understood the agenda will include disposal of the Thai troops penetrating Indo-China, relaxation of the contact between the two forces along the frontier, withdrawal of both forces and exchange of prisoners. Considerable discussion is also expected regarding the provisional demarcation of border defence lines in connection with the Thai demands for the recovery of its former territories.—Domel.

## France Reluctant

Tokyo, Jan. 28. While admitting that France was reluctant at first to accept the Japanese offer of mediation, Mr. Koh Ichi, deputy spokesman of the Information Board, this morning replied negatively to the suggestion that third Powers were instigating

Indo-China to show an uncompromising attitude towards Thailand.

"Grandly speaking, France at first was reluctant to accept Japan's offer of mediation, but she accepted it after all," Mr. Ishii told foreign correspondents.

Questioned about the Press report from Hanoi that Indo-China was assuming an uncompromising attitude toward Thailand since France's acceptance of Japan's mediation offer, Mr. Ishii opined that the report referred to the details to be negotiated between Thailand and French Indo-China.

Turning to the Franco-Japanese parity to Tokyo regarding Indo-China, Mr. Ishii disclosed that the negotiators were meeting almost daily to discuss a draft on the rice question article by article.—Domel.

## Distress Calls Proven False

Miami, Jan. 28.

Tropical Radio at 10.43 p.m. to-day heard a radio message purporting to be from the Empress of Australia stating:—"We have been torpedoed. The ship is down by the bow. All boats are over the side. Our position is about 200 miles off Dakar. The decks are awash."

Ten minutes later the station heard another message stating:—"We are being shelled again."

Two minutes after this, the station announced, only unintelligible dots and dashes could be heard.

Tropical Radio stated that, in reply, they sent out a routine signal on a short-wave band, which apparently "came clear" to the operator on the Empress of Australia, Tropical Radio's operator declared:—"He was in a hurry to get anyone he could, so he sent a message to us."

It is assumed that the ship was engaged on war duty, either as an auxiliary cruiser or as a troop transport. It will be recalled that the Empress of Australia was the ship which brought King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada in 1939 when they visited Canada and the United States.—United Press.

## Liner Safe in Port

London, Jan. 28. The crack British liner Empress of Australia is safe in port. A statement to this effect was issued in London following a German radio statement that, according to an American report, distress signals had been picked up from the Empress of Australia, which was represented as being torpedoed 200 miles from Dakar.

In accordance with the usual practice of not revealing the whereabouts of vessels the British reply is limited to the above announcement.—Reuters.

## Mediterranean Claims

Rome, Jan. 27. German planes hit a battleship and a cruiser with two heavy bombs each on Friday in addition to the British cruisers already reported. It said, "The two cruisers which are now undergoing repairs at Alexandria were gravely damaged in the air attack of January 9."—United Press.

## Weekly Loss Figures

London, Jan. 28. Mercantile losses due to enemy action for the week ended at midnight on January 19 amounted to 58,212, comprising five British ships of a total of 34,772 tons and six Allied of 23,440 tons. This figure is higher than it has been in recent weeks.

It has been noted that the practice of announcing total German claims week by week alongside the losses actually suffered has led to progressive reduction in the claims made by the German High Command. During the week under review the German High Command has claimed a total of 41,600 tons sunk.—British Wireless.

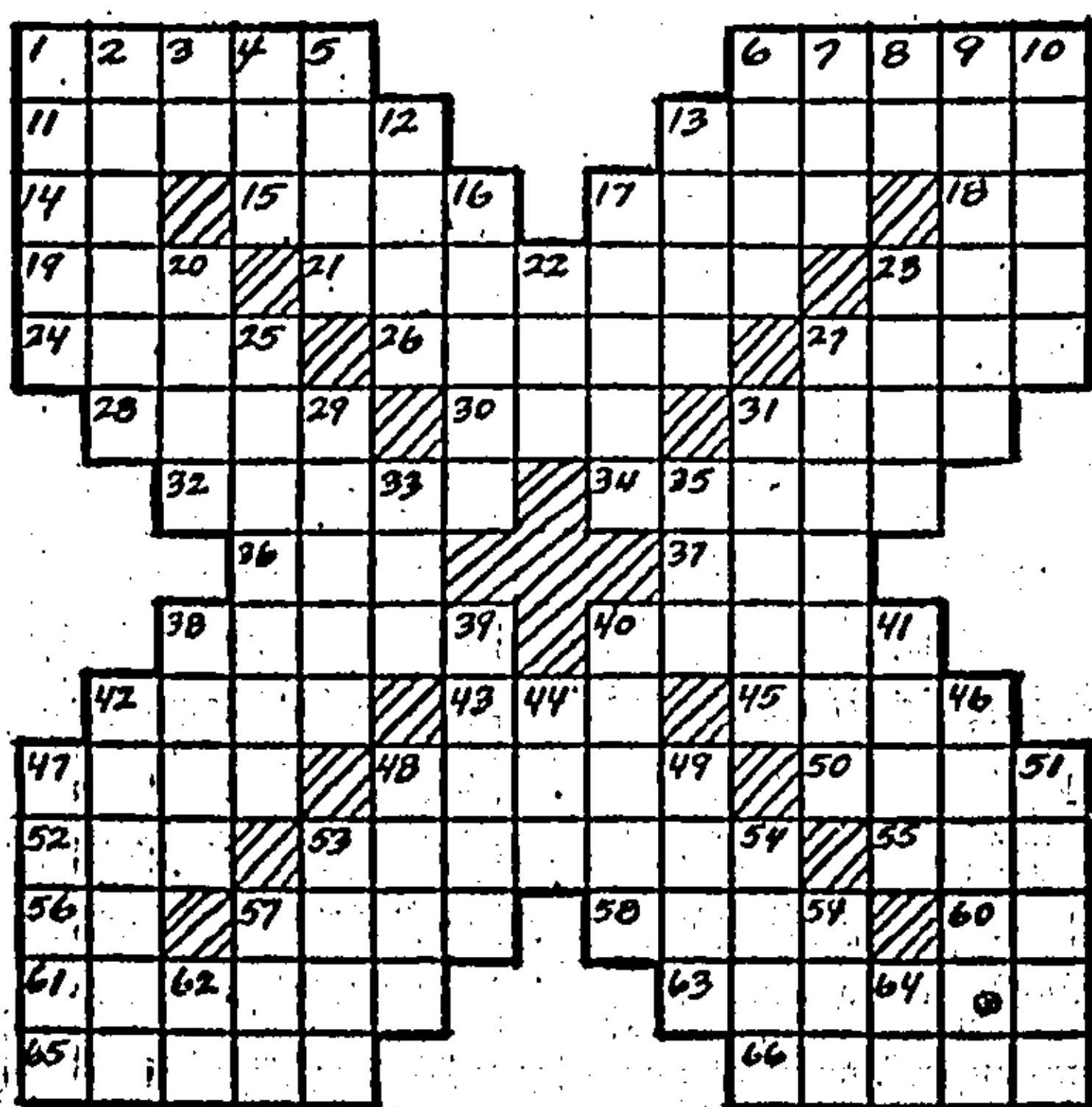
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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- Is booted up by
  - Partners
  - English metropolis
  - Comfortably
  - River in Russia
  - Expression of regret
  - Portions of circles
  - Dea
  - Small swelling on
  - Exaggerate
  - Patron of Japanese
  - Constitution
  - Cave (Prov. Eng.)
  - Huge
  - Brought up
  - Caused bell to sound
  - Diagnosed of cure
  - Collection of trees
  - Author of "The
  - Chatter and the
  - Heard
  - Desire something
  - Wine woman
  - Pin
  - Deceit of action
  - Character of Shakespeare's "Parities"
  - Frustated canal
  - Ship
  - Proper oneself in
  - Water
  - City division
  - Illus of sand
  - Narrow grove
  - Abstract conception
  - of being
  - Strong fortress
  - Part of what plant
  - In the manner in
  - which
- DOWN
- Long-necked bottle
  - Consume fully
  - Upon
  - Child's name
  - Round of bell
  - Medieval war-club
  - Ends
  - Middle western state
  - Leaps with pole
  - Covered, as with
  - hanging cloth
  - Short composition
  - Strike out
  - Reverend
  - Exchanges
  - Metropolis
  - Device for animals
  - Wing-like part
  - Cell
  - Private person plural
  - Circumference
  - divided by diameter
  - Pool
  - Note below "do" in
  - India temple system
  - Pleasantly excited
  - Ecclesiastical council
  - Fastened device
  - Casual language
  - Doctinal view
  - Consumed with
  - weath
  - Division of time
  - Historical period
  - Dial of steel
  - Made contemptuous
  - Laurel
  - Obtains on promise
  - of return
  - Metaphor of presiding
  - advice
  - Details of same
  - class
  - Snake-like sub
  - Tuvas
  - Caused to touch at
  - and
  - Statement of
  - thread
  - Sliver in Africa
  - Middle western state
  - Literary collection
  - Uttered mournful
  - sound
  - Lace together, as
  - threads
  - Becomes obscure
  - Disavow
  - Exchanges
  - Metropolis
  - Device for animals
  - Wing-like part
  - Cell
  - Private person plural
  - Circumference
  - divided by diameter



## CENTENARIAN'S DONATION

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 10 (UP).—Collectors were puzzled when a donation of a dollar and one cent came in for Vancouver's Air Supremacy Drive. The accompanying letter explained it. The money was from Mrs. Jane Jackson, and represented a penny for every year of her life. She is 101.

## ROBERT BENCHLEY AS DEANNA'S DAD

Robert Benchley has been engaged by Universal to portray Deanna Durbin's father in the singing star's next production, "Nice Girl." Filming has started under direction of William A. Seiter, and with Franchot Tone and Robert Stack playing the romantic male leads.



NEAR MISS.—There are bomb craters within a hundred yards of London Bridge, but City workers are still able to walk across the river to their offices.



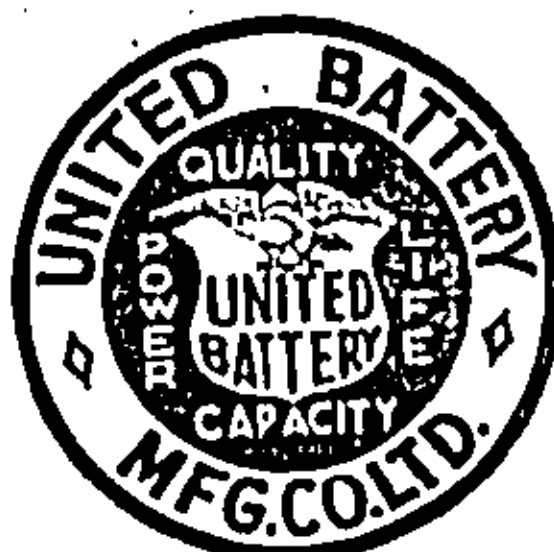
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## INDIAN TROOPS IN ACTION

ONE of the most interesting features of the war in the Western Desert is the presence of troops from several nations fighting side by side under the British flag. Their joint attacks which have been carried out under extremely difficult conditions have shown a unified front and an equality of courage which has inspired the whole of the watching world.

It is perhaps invidious in a campaign in which dangers, discomforts and successes are shared equally by all to dissociate one group from another, but the part played by the Indian troops merits record. Always renowned for their bravery and loyalty, the Indian troops now in the African campaign seem to have reached greater heights of courage, zeal and endurance than ever before. It is true that the Indian people as a whole, realise very fully the fact that Britain's victory is as vital to them as it is to the Londoner, or any other British subject, and the whole British Commonwealth is at one in this total war.

Broadcasting to the Indian troops, the Commander-in-Chief offered his personal congratulations to them for the gallant part they are playing in the Western Desert operations. He said: "I am proud of your achievement; India is proud of her brave soldier sons." An eye-witness' account of the Sidi Barrani battle, referred to the way in which the Indian troops kept their heads, when Italian planes roared overhead, bombs bursting perilously near and machineguns adding their rattle to the fury of the onslaught.

It was reported some days ago that Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Indian Premier, who visited the Indian troops in the Desert, said on his return home that these soldiers had told him they would not return before victory. He added that the entire Muslim world, including Turkey, was solidly behind the Allies. This fact—and it is undeniably a fact—must be giving Hitler much food for thought. It is an answer to any threat he might wish to make to Turkey, Syria or any other part of the Eastern Mediterranean.

## THE LION OF JUDAH RETURNS TO HIS PEOPLE



HAILE SELASSIE, Emperor of Ethiopia, who was forced into exile by Italian aggression, is back in Africa. This picture, from a news-reel, shows him in Sudan, receiving Abyssinian chiefs who are helping the British forces.

## Let Us Have Some DIPLOMATIC BOMBING

I AM not a military expert, I am a diplomatic correspondent. My job is to know all that is going on in Europe.

It is because I understand the present political feeling on the Continent that I SAY BRITAIN MUST AT ONCE ADOPT DIPLOMATIC BOMBING IN EUROPE.

The Germans tried it when they set out to smash our civilian morale by bombs.

They have failed miserably because we are a united people.

But Greater Germany, sprawling awkwardly across Europe, is the very reverse of a united people.

In this loose-linked German Europe there are now exceptional opportunities for carrying out raids on psychological-political objectives.

The right kind of propaganda can turn the weaknesses that I know exist in Germany's Europe into a source of sabotage of the enemy's war effort.

And by "right propaganda" I mean bombs. Leaflets and broadcasts can follow.

### The Weakest Link

NOT only are there underground opposition movements in Germany and in Austria, but there are discords within the very Nazi Party itself.

There are also regional rivalries and divergences, more especially as between Germany and what was once Austria.

Austria is in fact the weakest link in the actual Germanic chain.

The Austrians have not yet had the war brought home to them. Below the surface the Socialists, Communists and

By A Diplomatic Correspondent

Monarchists are very much alive.

Discontent is rife, too, among the local Nazis—the "Old Illegals" who in the days when they worked for Hitler against their own country were dazzled by the prospect of being big bosses in a Nazified Austria, but who when the Anschluss came, found themselves only little bosses, with all the big jobs in the hands of the Reich-German Nazis.

The disappointment and desire for a different kind of regime, at present without means of expression, would soon find a way of self-assertion once the R.A.F. carried the war into Austria itself.

### R.A.F. Visits Appreciated

AND what applies to Austria also applies to Bohemia-Moravia, where the German Nazis and the Sudetenland Nazis are lording it over the Czechs.

But they would not be lording it for long if R.A.F. bombs came raining down on Prague, on Reichenberg, on Eger, on Marienbad, and on Karlsbad!

Knowing the people, knowing the country, and knowing their hatred of the Nazis, I sincerely believe that the Czechs would understand and put up with it.

When, after the appointment of Sir Charles Portal to the leadership of the R.A.F., our bombers raided the Skoda armament works, Czechoslovakia, the Czechs understood—and appreciated the action.

It was an encouragement to high places of the nature and them—whatever casualties they may have suffered.

A few R.A.F. visits to Bratislava, capital of the so-called "independent" Slovakia, would also have excellent political effects.

### Let Rome Have It!

AND if all this is true of be swept away. Greater Germany, how much more true is it of Italy, direction in keeping with the weakest link of all in the technical means we now possess.

Given that—we can win the war. The great majority of the war, and what is even more important, do what we failed to do after our victory in the last

it—and they are kept at it only by Mussolini's "successes," according to his own war communiques.

When the R.A.F. visited Naples, 100 miles away from the citizens of Rome spent the night in shelters.

What would happen if the bombs fell on Rome itself can only be imagined.

The Italians have not our "we can take it" courage. They would not "take it" for long.

There is a good deal of underground opposition to Mussolini and Fascism, both within and without the Fascist Party, which would soon find means of expression when British bombs began to fall on Rome itself.

I would also suggest bombing raids on the Rumanian oil fields—from our bases in Cyprus and Crete.

### For The Squeamish

DIPLOMATIC bombing is not a matter of reprisals.

This is total war—but so far it has only been total in regard to British civilians.

It is high time that Britain should adopt the totalitarian principle in war.

For the sentimentally squeamish, let me point out that there are plenty of military objectives in the countries I have named.

And by military objectives I mean not only military establishments and factories, but also Government officers and offices.

Hitler is a war objective.

And so is Mussolini.

Britain now has the technical means of diplomatic bombing.

We have the pilots. We have our new bombers. We have at the head of the R.A.F. a man with the right aggressive spirit.

### What Is Holding Us?

What then is holding us back?

Whitehall's inability to visualise what kind of war this is?

A lack of understanding in

high places of the nature and methods of the enemy?

Ignorance on the part of our

rulers of the political and psychological conditions prevailing

Westminster's hugging of time-honoured but outworn traditions?

Whatever it may be, it must be swept away.

We need imaginative war

direction in keeping with the

technical means we now possess.

Given that—we can win the

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war, and what is even more important, do what we failed to

## Millions Spent On Television

Washington, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Federal Communications Commission reports that private interests are spending \$8,000,000 for research and experimentation to develop television on a commercial basis.

The Commission broadened the experimental field by licensing ten new stations, six of which will be located in Los Angeles. Previous authorisations have provided a geographic distribution of facilities to thwart any tendency toward monopoly.

Howard Hughes, multi-millionaire aviator and movie producer, is ready to spend \$2,000,000 alone, the Commission said, for the development of television stations in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The ten new stations were expected by the Commission to spend \$3,000,000 for experimentation and research. Others previously licensed have invested \$5,000,000 in the industry.

### Public Interest

"These contemplated programmes of research and experimentation are pursuant to Commission requirements looking to development of television to a point that will enable the industry to agree on a uniform transmission system of an acceptable technical quality," the F.C.C. said.

The F.C.C. has insisted upon uniform transmission standards to facilitate public participation in the industry. Chairman James Lawrence Fly has contended that overnight changes which would outdate existing receivers must be avoided.

## MOSLEY GROWS A BEARD

SIR OSWALD MOSLEY, the Fascist leader, is growing a beard. It is now about an inch and a half long. Is almost jet black, and covers the whole of his chin.

He is in Brixton Prison, and when seen recently he had a thick growth of black hair covering the lower part of his face.

People who knew the interned Fascist leader well hardly recognised him in his beard.

### Wears 'Uniform'

Sir Oswald Mosley looked healthy enough, and was dressed in a black lounge coat and flannel trousers—the "uniform" he used to wear at his Fascist meetings before he was arrested on May 23 at his London flat in Dolphin Square, S.W.

He has been detained in Brixton Prison under section 10B of the Defence Regulations ever since.

Mosley apparently intends for the present to cultivate the short "imperial" type of beard, as it was noticed that the ends were being trimmed to a point. But he may change the style when the growth becomes stronger.



## PRESIDENT'S TERM EXTENDED

## PANAMA CONSIDERS NEW CONSTITUTION

By William H. Lander  
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(Special to the Telegraph)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The Republic of Panama, situated at "the crossroads of the world," is considering the adoption of a new constitution. Copies of the document have just arrived in the United States and various other countries of the Americas, and are being keenly studied by authorities on constitutional law. These studies are purely academic and for general information.

One of the main provisions of the new organ of government is that the President of the Republic shall have a term of six years, instead of four. A special transitory article, if adopted, would cause the term of Dr. Arnulfo Arias, who was inaugurated on October 1, 1940, to run until February 15, 1947. This would give him two years, five and a half months longer than the term for which he was elected in the June 1940 elections.

The new document was presented in person to the National Assembly by President Arias. It seeks to replace the original Constitution adopted shortly after Panama seceded from Colombia.

The original constitution provided that a president was ineligible for re-election. Under the new draft constitution, he would be ineligible for the immediate period following his own term. The practical effect of this is to forbid consecutive re-election, but permit a return to the Presidency after an intermediate term is served by someone else.

## Authoritarian Tone

A somewhat authoritarian tone is imparted to the constitution in its second article, which departs from the theories of Montesquieu, the Constitution of the United States and many other documents which hold that power and sovereignty emanate from the people. The new Panamanian constitution says that "public authority rests in the Nation, which exercises it in the manner which this Constitution establishes." The draft constitution provides that the National Assembly may temporarily grant the President of the Republic "extraordinary powers for special purposes," which may be exercised if approved by a majority vote of a committee of three representatives of the Assembly.

There are some interesting provisions connected with citizenship and the question of which races are ineligible for naturalisation. Anybody born in Panama, whose father and mother both are not of a "prohibited" race is a Panamanian, or anybody having one parent who is of a "prohibited" race provided the other is a native-born Panamanian.

Children born abroad whose father or mother were born in Panama are Panamanians, as are those born in what is now Panama before its secession from Colombia on November 3, 1903.

## Immigration

The Constitution specifies that immigration laws shall classify as "forbidden immigration" the following: "Persons of the Negro race whose language is not Castilian; the Yellow Race, and the races originating from India, Asia Minor and North Africa."

Naturalisation papers may be granted by the President of the Republic to persons who have lived in Panama for five years, or for three years if they are married to a foreigner but have Panamanian children, or for two years if they are married to a Panamanian. Previously the requirement was for 10 years of residence, or three years if married to a citizen of Panama.

## No Death Penalty

The Constitution provides that there shall be no death penalty in Panama; that the writ of habeas corpus be respected; and that all persons who are affected by any order of government functionaries which they consider unconstitutional, may ask for an injunction giving them the "protection of their constitutional guarantees."

President Arias, aged 38, a physician, was declared elected in June by a vote of 107,759 to 2,022 for ex-Provisional President Ricardo Alfaro, who now resides in Washington, where he was Panama's diplomatic representative for many years. Arias participated in the victorious 1931 revolution, and has served as Minister of Panama in Berlin, Rome, London and Paris. He is a brother of the noted lawyer, Dr. Hamodio Arias, who was President of the Republic from 1932 to 1939.

## EMPIRE PARACHUTE TROOPS

The Canadian Air Minister, Mr. C. G. Power, has disclosed that the Defence Department is looking forward to the time when Empire forces will take the initiative in the war, and was given "very serious consideration" to the training of parachute troops.

He said it was likely that certain infantry units would be designated to receive such training.

Usually well-informed Government sources say that a plan for Pacific coast defences envisaged by the Canadian-American Permanent Joint Defence Board includes facilities for the effective co-operation of Canadian and American land, naval and air forces.

It is stated that an Alaska highway is to be constructed to permit of the rapid movement of troops from the United States to Alaska via British Columbia.

## Additional Bases

Additional bases along the north British Columbia coast are to be set up to make close co-operation with the Navy possible, and a system of air fields in central British Columbia will permit the effective use of the air arm at all times.

A steady supply of air crews will be available for British shortly. First-class air observers trained under the Commonwealth plan have graduated at Trenton Aerodrome, and within the next few weeks the first pilots and air gunners will complete their training. Air are destined for overseas service. Ground workers have already finished their training.

## World Trade Dominated

Announcing that Canadian trade in the last 12 months exceeded two billion dollars, which was greater than in any year in the past decade, the Minister of Trade, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, said: "In the first year of the war the English-speaking nations of the British Empire and the United States, dominated and still dominate world trade. This was convincing evidence of what the end of the conflict must be. This accomplishment indicates the rapidly growing power of this Dominion."

## Iraq Looks To Turkey

## Vain Axis Promises

The reaction in Iraq to the Axis Powers' Balkan drive may be summed up by the statement that whenever Germany adds another victim to the list of countries overrun and subjugated, Iraq, as a small state, becomes the more convinced of the correctness of her policy of neutrality.

In the event of a new German movement towards the East, Iraq would be greatly influenced by any decision taken by Turkey.

Though Grobban, the German Minister, left Baghdad immediately after the outbreak of war when diplomatic relations between Iraq and Germany were broken off, Gabrielli, the Italian Minister, is still there and there is no indication of any desire to sever relations with Italy, though Italians are disliked as much in Iraq as in all other Arab countries.

## Chimerical Pledges

Commenting on the attempt of the Axis Powers to win Arab support by promises of independence and the restoration of the ancient Arab glory, an Arabic newspaper says: "This is not the Arabs' first experience of listening to chimerical pledges and declarations and they are quite capable of judging their value."

## Best Age To Begin Music Training

The best average age for the beginning of musical training has been set by child psychologists at four years, according to Signora C. Olsen, Instructor at the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis.

"Child prodigies demonstrate the rapid progress that can be made by children of that age," she said.



CATCHING UP ON NEWS—At a railway station somewhere in Scotland, Prime Minister Winston Churchill reads a paper while waiting for his train.

## Captain Ramsay, M.P., To Stay In Gaol Denies Being Chosen As Nazi Gauleiter

Captain Ramsay, M.P., Hitler's alleged nominee as Gauleiter of Scotland, is to stay in jail.

This is the decision of the Parliamentary Committee of Privileges, to whom, it was revealed, he indignantly denied that he was to be Gauleiter.

"If I had accepted that post," he said, "it would have been treason."

His detention in Brixton Prison under the Defence Regulations does not, in the opinion of the Parliamentary Committee, constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons.

## No Immunity

After weeks of close inquiry, during which Captain Ramsay personally attended the Committee and stated his case, its members agreed that, as an M.P., he has no immunity from "preventive arrest."

Their official report rules that Captain Ramsay's claim is either the assertion of a new Parliamentary privilege or an unjustified extension of an existing one.

He claimed that M.P.'s privilege of immunity from arrest extended to his kind of case.

This ruling of the body of M.P.s set up by Parliament to investigate Captain Ramsay's claim to be immune from detention means that he will continue to be kept under preventive arrest.

The reasons for the action taken by the Home Secretary who ordered his detention have already been explained, on appeal, by the Home Office Advisory Committee.

This body could recommend no variation of the order.

Release Hope Goes

The findings of the Committee of Privileges—which was concerned only with Capt. Ramsay's position as an M.P.—mean there is no ground on which he can secure release.

In the secluded Committee Room at Westminster, where nine M.P.s, under Mr. Attlee's chairmanship, patiently went over the whole range of problems raised by the case, many sensational matters came up in evidence.

On one occasion Capt. Ramsay, interrupted by Mr. Attlee, the chairman, alleged, "this procedure is very like the Star Chamber methods."

Asking for the Committee's indulgence, Capt. Ramsay said: "If you had been locked up for 20 hours a day in a cell between a murderer and a suspected leper for weeks and had been locked up during air raids you would not feel at your best."

Referring to other men who have been detained under the Defence Regulations, Captain Ramsay stated: "You have men, many of them known to me, who have been kept in prison for three months without any charge being made against them."

Many of them, he said, have been put in cells which have not been in use for 20 years.

The Captain also claimed that his detention was a breach of privilege, because it meant that his constituents "at a time of the greatest need of their lives" were prevented from communicating with him.

## GERM-FREE AIR

The Medical Officer of Health of Westminster, working in conjunction with leading scientists, is completing experiments which it is believed will enable an antiseptic, non-irritating solution to be projected into shelters in a fine mist so that any germs likely to cause infection can be made harmless.

## VICHY FEASTING GAILY

--On Stored Reserves

"IN spite of defeat, in spite of threatening starvation, unoccupied France appears to be more preoccupied with the table than with the problems of the future," declares the Vichy correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

"France," the correspondent continues, "is at present living on her stored reserves, quite heedlessly and sometimes even gaily."

"Many elements already are disappearing. Saccharine has replaced sugar, butter is unobtainable, red meats are mild rarities, bread is turning grey, soap has gone, and the coal shortage is acute."

Nevertheless, the eating in Vichy is far beyond the capacity of the correspondent, who found it possible, he says, to obtain feasts bearing no resemblance to the official regulations.

Ate Chicken

When meat was scarce the French ate chicken; when potatoes were short they mashed chestnuts; while the restaurants assure diners always that other things are available than officially is permitted, and food cards often are unnecessary.

"Reports from the occupied districts," he adds, "indicate that the position is worse there, in spite of the fact that large quantities of food are being transferred from the unoccupied area."

"Nobody appears to know or care when this prodigal living will come to an end, but one thing is certain—it is coming fast."

## NERVOUS STRAIN KILLING U.S. CHILDREN

The children of America are in danger of "the greatest killer of them all," nervous strain, Dr. Jay B. Nash, professor of physical education at New York University, told the second annual Westchester Forum recently.

Dr. Nash said that the modern child rides too much in automobiles, eats too much highly processed food and listens to too many exciting radio programmes.

He added that the routine of homework should be abolished, calling it a "thing very near to legalised criminality."

## NEW COMET

According to Tokyo report, a new comet of the ninth magnitude has been observed north-north-east of the star Alpha, in the Constellation of Leo.

## High Milk Costs Are Criticised By Peer

Lord Addison asked in the House of Lords recently what the Government proposed to do about reducing the cost of distribution of milk.

The Lord Perry Committee had suggested a margin of 8d. a gallon for all distributive costs, including a profit of 100 per cent. Yet a shilling of gallon was being charged for distribution.

The committee had not received much help from the distributors' organisations.

The present charge was based on the least efficient distributor getting a living.

The committee recommended an authoritative organisation to ensure efficient and economical distribution at a charge of 8d. a gallon.

No Immediate Answer

Lord Moyne, in reply, said it was impossible for the Government to give an immediate answer regarding extensive proposals of the Lord Perry Committee.

The matter was being treated as one of urgency, and the report was not called for as a method of shelving an awkward question.

Turning to the cheap milk scheme, about which Lord Addison had also asked, Lord Moyne said that after a period of slow progress it was now an immense success.

Three million out of a possible 3,000,000 persons were recipients of this benefit.

The consumption of milk under this scheme had reached a volume of 11,000,000 gallons a month.

## Landslide Victims Laid To Rest

There was a large gathering at the funeral of the four victims of the Ventris Road landslide at the Chinese Cemetery, Pokfulam, on Saturday, when Ho So-wan, her husband, Ip Wai-sun, their little baby and Ho's mother were laid to rest.

The funeral service was conducted by Pastor Larsen of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission.

It will be recalled that a retaining wall on the side of the Mission Church in Ventris Road collapsed on Thursday morning, demolishing the stone hut in which the four victims lived.

TRANSFER OF NAZI CONSUL

The German consul at Valparaiso, accused of aiding in the attempted escape of four interned crewmen of the scuttled pocket battleship, Graf Spee, has been transferred temporarily to Montevideo, Uruguay.

## 67,000 CHILDREN RUN LOOSE IN LONDON STREETS

Pressure is being applied to the British Government to make the evacuation of children from London compulsory.

The executive committee of the Labour Party has passed a resolution in favour of compulsion and private members of the House of Commons are also urging the Government in a similar direction.

So far 421,000 children of school age and 230,000 under five years have been evacuated.

But there are 92,000 of school age still in London.

Concern over Situation

Of these only 25,000 are going to school. The other 67,000 are not receiving any public education.

They spend the long nights in the shelters and in the daytime they run loose in the streets.

Because of increasing public concern over this situation the president of the Board of Education is considering again making school attendance compulsory.

In a recent canvass for evacuation children were sent along by their parents for registration at the rate of 1000 a day.

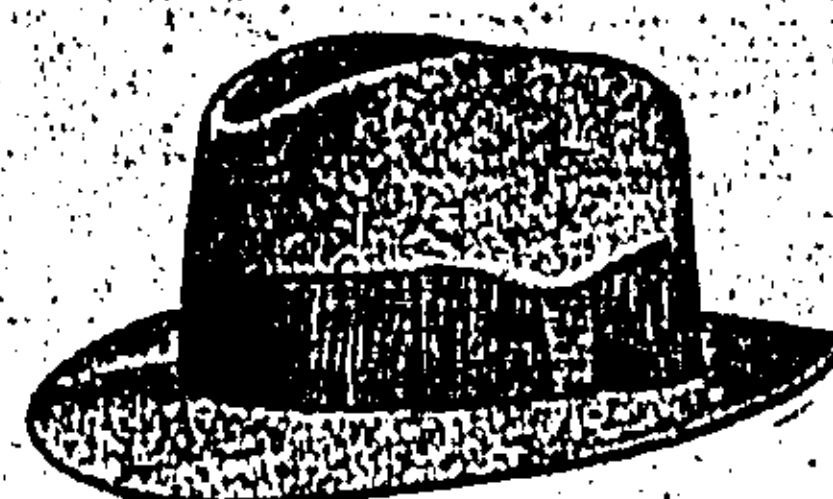
Registrations have since dwindled to 200 a day.

BIG BEN'S SCARS

Big Ben now bears minor war scars, but carries on. In the eastern face are four holes caused either by bomb splinters or shrapnel. They have had no effect on the clock's accuracy as a time-keeper.

"SIAMESE" TWINS

"Siamese" twins have been born to the wife of a Spanish fisherman in a village near Alicante. The twins, who are joined from their neck to their loes, are expected to survive.



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## Growing Anti-Fascist Movement In Spain

SPANISH Conservatives have asked their Republican opponents of the Civil War to join an anti-Fascist movement, the purpose of which is to checkmate Germany's efforts to drag Spain into the war against Britain, says the "New York Post."

The "Post," which mentions "informed quarters in Washington" as its source of information, states that the Conservatives began negotiations with Republican exiles in October.

A draft platform was subsequently prepared by the Conservatives and moderate Republicans, who styled their organisation the "National Union."

They aim to eliminate from Spain political parties under foreign domination—specifically the Falangists (Fascists) and Communists—and also to establish friendly relations with all foreign Governments except the Axis Powers and Russia.

The British and American Governments, says the "Post," have been approached unofficially and asked whether they considered any points in the programme objectionable.

Prominent Supporters

Conservative sponsors of the movement include the Marquis de Castellon and Senor Sandovala (formerly Consul-General in New York). The Republicans include Salvador de Madariaga (former envoy to U.S.), Juan Negrin (ex-Premier, now in England), and Indalecio Prieto (former Defence Minister, under Premier Caballero).

The National Union stresses the fact that it opposes Fascism, but not General Franco.

It proposes to establish a Provisional Government directly, it obtains a foothold on Spanish soil after which it would call Parliament together to decide whether the Government should be Monarchical, or Republican.

Monarchist Manifesto

The Monarchists have surprisingly issued a manifesto in Madrid accusing Italy and Germany of deceiving Spain.

The manifesto also declares that Russia and Germany combined their respective interventions in the Spanish war in perfect accord, for their own ends.

Spain adds the manifesto, owes Italy and Germany no gratitude, but rather contempt and hatred, because they unscrupulously used Spain as a

## The Postmistress Betted

Betting with Post Office money brought Mrs Sarah Redford Bradbury, 52, into the dock at Derby Assizes.

She pleaded guilty to charges of theft, fraudulent conversion and falsification of accounts while acting as sub-postmistress at New Mills and was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Mrs Bradbury was alleged to have stolen £1,008 and converted upwards of £700.

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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## Millions Undergo Training U.S. Army Practises Blitzkrieg Tactics

By John A. Reichmann  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The United States Army is confident of its ability to meet any emergency that could confront it now and, likewise, any future emergency.

That is the opinion of officers working long hours in army posts throughout the country to convert millions of peaceful men and billions of taxpayers' money into an efficient, hard-hitting army.

Their confidence is reflected in the high morale manifested at various posts visited by this correspondent and other defence writers during a recent army-sponsored air tour of the continental defence establishment.

The new national army that is being worked into shape gave the impression that it was deadly serious about its job. In any way, the army of to-day presents a different picture than the army of 1917. The officers and men are more casual in their relations, yet there is no lack of discipline. The salute is as brisk as ever and the air about the camps is thick with "yes, sir," and "no, sir."

Throughout the area covered by the survey—from Fort Bliss, Texas to Fort Benning, Georgia—barbed wire was sprouting from the mud and dust, as they did in 1917. But there is an ordered form to the expansion programme.

Company streets are laid out with greater efficiency. Sometimes the equipment is inadequate but it is kept in tip-top shape. At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the new 340th Field Artillery Regiment is being formed with negro recruits, the 155-millimeter rifles made in France in 1917 are polished until they are as shiny as the 1940 tractors that pull them.

**Training Survey**  
At Fort Knox, Kentucky, young men with a flair for machines are applying their genius to modern, armour-plated tanks that go tearing across the broken ravines along the Ohio River at 60 miles an hour, firing cannon at targets.

The officers of this new armoured corps know, and they tell their men, that they are but one part of a team; that the tanks themselves cannot win wars but must use their tremendous striking power to break through and fan out behind an enemy, facilitating the work of the infantry.

At Fort Bliss, Texas, horse cavalry is fighting to maintain its place despite the alarms of some other branches that the day of the horse has passed. Officers there pointed out that many areas prevent any use of tanks and that horse and horsemen can carry a great fire power over difficult terrain at a remarkable speed.

To clinch their argument, these veteran officers ask, "How do you know where the next war will be fought?"

**Air Classes**  
At Randolph Field, Texas, young cadets work long hours with the comparatively few training planes, rushing from class to class to get the last minute of training service from them. On a fair day, the skies over those Texas plains roar as one class swoops down after its lesson and another one takes off.

The new streamlined infantry division at Fort Sam Houston demonstrates how quickly it can move foot soldiers from one point to another. Their mobility is incredible to World War doughboys.

At Fort Benning, Georgia, the second armoured division works out tank manoeuvres in steep ravines and wooded hillsides, through rain and dust. Parachute troops tumble dizzily from low-flying planes, their

## U.S. Tribute To British Press

In an editorial headed "Heroes of the Press," which quotes extensively from the "unforgettable picture" of conditions of work now in London painted in a recent wireless broadcast by Mr Bishop, assistant manager of "The Times," the "New York Times" declares:—

The London newspapers of these terrible days are in themselves documents that deserve to be treasured. They explain how millions in London have been able to endure a month of terror from the skies. They prove better than speeches or cabled dispatches or photographs that life in the great city goes on in spite of Hitler's efforts to strangle it.

The London millman goes his rounds, subway trains and buses keep moving in spite of all obstacles, light and power services are maintained as far as possible, and newspapers appear as usual. Thousands of lonely men and women who maintain the essential services of London are helping fully as much as fighter squadrons anti-aircraft gunners to keep the body and soul of London alive. Whatever the risks, they face them without flinching.

Like the correspondents who carry on during the raids, the linotypers and truck drivers of London are proving themselves heroes. Their finished products look as orderly as if there were no raids; the descriptions of the raids themselves are almost as objective as if they had taken place on another continent.

To look at the unchanging front page of "The Times" one would hardly know that London was being bombed, apart from a pathetic death notice now and then, telling friends that some man, woman, or child had died "due to enemy action."

"Hitler would like among other things to destroy the free Press of England," said Mr Bishop. "We are determined that he shall not succeed. With such a spirit (declares the New York Times) the free Press of England is now writing a chapter of courage and devotion which will take its place among the finest records of the newspaper profession."

## Judge Brands Verdict Of Jury Cruel

FRANK FLINTOFF, thirty-one-year-old Bristol soldier and "mercy killer," was at Gloucester Assizes recently branded as a criminal lunatic, to be detained during the King's pleasure.

And Mr Justice Charles, who had to make the order, said it was a "rather cruel verdict" that forced him to do so.

The jury had found Flintoff guilty but insane and recommended him to mercy.

Had they taken notice of his direction that there was no evidence of insanity, said the judge, and found Flintoff guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy, he would doubtless have been reprieved and very soon released.

**Devoted Couple**  
Flintoff, charged with the murder of his wife and their baby daughter, had pleaded not guilty.

They were a devoted couple, said witnesses, but the wife, developed paralytic which, a doctor said, was incurable.

So Flintoff, it was alleged, shot his wife with a rifle as she lay in bed, and then shot his baby.

While the woman was waiting to be taken away by ambulance, he knelt by her bedside and kissed her, praying that she might die.

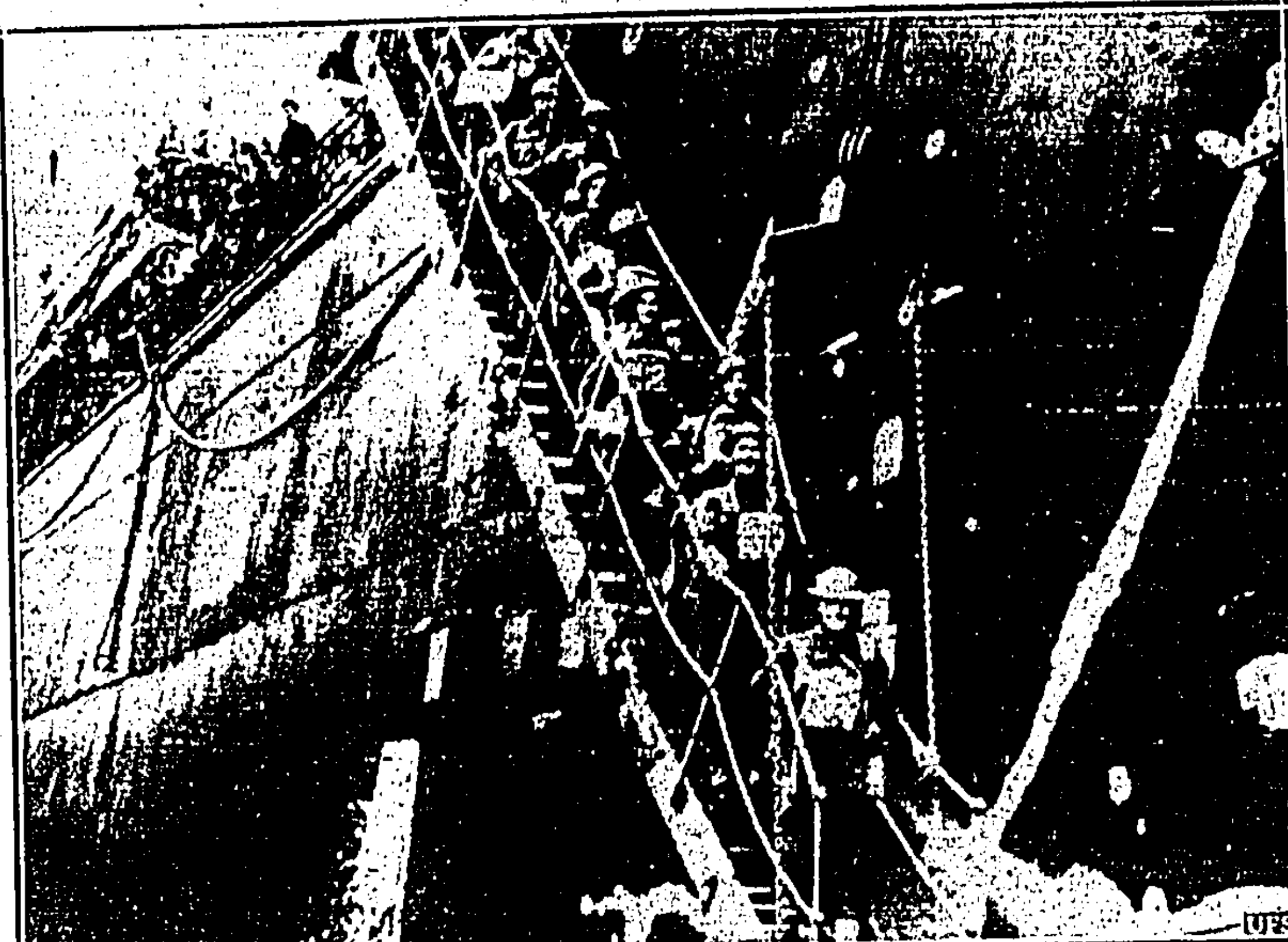
In a statement to the police Flintoff said: "There was nothing for her but worse pain and suffering. For the baby there was no future I could leave her to, and I thought it best that she, too, should be spared the possible misery of being an orphan."

**PROSPERITY IN WOOL INDUSTRY**

Very big orders are now being placed throughout the wool industry for material to be made up into blankets. One agent offered a contract for 1,000,000 lbs. of coarse count yarn. When ready, the blankets will be sent as quickly as possible to London and elsewhere for the use of people whose houses have been bombed, and who are now housed in schools and other buildings.

**SOLDIERS RESCUE SEAGULL**

Hundreds of people on the promenade at a South Coast town watched a seagull struggle for its life when it became caught in a barbed-wire entanglement. They called to soldiers to shoot it. Two Scotsmen of a Highland Regiment threaded their way through the wire until they reached the seagull, freed it, and took it back to their dug-out for a meal before letting it go.



JOHN BULL KEEPS PROMISE—Full military co-operation, British promised, would be given Greece in fight against Italy. So radio picture, passed by Greek and British censors and flashed from London, shows laughing Tommies leaving ship at unnamed Greek port, to battle Italians.

## Guard Aircraft Plants To Prevent Sabotage

By Alexander Kahn

United Press Staff Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (UP).—Privately-owned aircraft plants in Southern California are under the most stringent surveillance to prevent possible sabotage of planes being built for the United States and Britain.

Even executives of aircraft companies must follow closely the rules laid down by military intelligence officers assigned to guard these key industrial units.

Recently Robert Gross, president of Lockheed Aircraft Company, was stopped in his own plant and forced to don a badge identifying him as a company employee before he was permitted to go through the factory.

In addition to Army and Navy intelligence officers by the score, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, private police and British intelligence agents are on guard against saboteurs. Every major aeroplane factory in Southern California has orders from Britain for fighting or training planes, and at each factory the British Purchasing Commission has set up its own offices to check every step in the building of the planes.

Carl A. Cover, vice president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, recently announced, in answer to reports that the Dies Committee had predicted an outbreak of sabotage on the West Coast, that every possible precaution was being taken by military intelligence officers.

A source close to the aircraft industry revealed that the danger of sabotage is minimised through decentralised mass production and close employee supervision.

Unlike automobile production, no assembly line, as such, exists in aeroplane factories. The work is divided into several operations and each of these is handled by a separate crew of craftsmen. Before the plane can go on to the next operation, it must meet rigid inspection, and any faults found must be corrected before it is passed.

**Minute Inspection**  
These inspections are made by veteran and trusted employees. They check every rivet and bolt with magnifying glasses. And even when passed by the inspectors, they are re-inspected at unstated intervals by Army and Navy experts as well as by British representatives.

Employee supervision is worked along similar lines. Every worker is provided with a badge which, by its colour, discloses in what department he is employed. Any employee found in the wrong department immediately goes before the intelligence officers for questioning. He is subject to instant dismissal unless the military men are satisfied with his explanation.

In addition to the identifying badge, the employee carries a card which tells what department he works in and bears his photograph and fingerprints. He must have this card with him at all times.

The infrequent visitor to any of the aeroplane plants in this area also is bagged and some report that, although escorted by company guards, they were stopped from a half-dozen

## War May End Show Ban

Plans for more and better wartime entertainment are to be considered by an emergency committee set up by the London Theatre Council.

The committee will review problems arising from the present phase of the war, and the extension of entertainment to give employment to actors and actresses thrown out of work.

Apart from this move by managers and actors, the Theatrical Managers' Association is trying to obtain permission for theatres to open for Sunday matinees.

It is hoped that the 150-year-old law forbidding Sunday shows in costume or make-up will be suspended, at least for the duration of the war.

## Captured Britons' One Meal

THE life of English prisoners in German concentration camps in occupied France was described to a newspaper correspondent recently in London by an English woman who visited one.

"All Englishmen between the ages of 18 and 56 were taken," she said.

"A German official came to each door and took them at once with just a small bundle of clothing as luggage."

"In the camp I visited conditions were not too bad. There are two huge dormitories for 150 prisoners and a barbed wire enclosure."

**Weekly Visitors**

"Visitors are allowed once a week, but they must stand outside the barbed wire at a shouting distance. A guard with revolvers remains beside the visitor."

"Prisoners sleep on camp beds. A blanket is provided, but there is no heating in the huts."

Everything seemed clean and efficient, and I was amused to see City businessmen spick and span and shaven in spite of the great soap shortage.

"Prisoners wash their own clothes under a communal pump. They have only one meal a day—lentil soup, with meat in it, and bread."

**Bored**

"Those with wives and families outside are allowed to receive a little money. A fruit and vegetable man calls daily at the camp to sell to the men."

"Boredom is the worst thing. Only German newspapers are allowed, and the men have nothing to do all day."

"The villagers are very kind to us," the Englishwoman concluded. "All the English in my district kept very cheerful and courageous, in spite of difficulties and hardships."



RUSSIA BOUND—Lieut. General Yoshitsugu Taketawa, recently appointed to represent Japanese government as Ambassador to Moscow, about to leave Tokyo, Japan. He is bidden adieu by Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, right.

## Two Lessons

All of these men and all of this activity represent the army's adaptation of lessons learned from modern war.

The two most important army lessons learned so far, the veteran officers indicate, are to get infantry into the breach at the front more quickly than before and, secondly, to arm it more heavily so that it can strike harder on offensive or in repelling a counter-attack.

The tanks, the dive bombers and the artillery may breach enemy lines, but it is still the infantry that gains ground and holds it, they assert.

## Crown Prince Umberto

Believed Held Prisoner

ITALIAN troops believe that Crown Prince Umberto is interned somewhere in northern Italy. Italian officers taken prisoner by the Greeks said this, an Athens message states.

Prince Umberto, who is 37, was told by Mussolini in February last year that he no longer held his title, as it had been abolished.

He had annoyed Mussolini by refusing to support the Italian Government's anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic policy.

He had also opposed the anti-French policy of the Italian Foreign Minister (Count Ciano).

**Virtual Exile**

It was rumoured in May last year that Mussolini was actually exiling Prince Umberto to Belgium.

In October, 1929, an Italian student tried to assassinate the Crown Prince in Brussels because he had "betrayed the Italian Constitution."

Prince Umberto was married to Princess Marie Jose of Belgium in January, 1930. They have one son, aged four.

## Hitler, Duce At Concert

"Let Me Die" Played  
During Mussolini's meeting with Hitler in the Palazzo Venezia, Florence, recently, Italian pursuit planes cruised overhead, the Rome correspondent of the "New York Times" discloses.

He notes that in the Clement VII. Hall, where the Dictators talked to one another, there is a bust of Michelangelo, and he recalls that after lunch, rain prevented them from making a tour of the city, so they attended a concert at which Monteverdi's "Let Me Die" was played.

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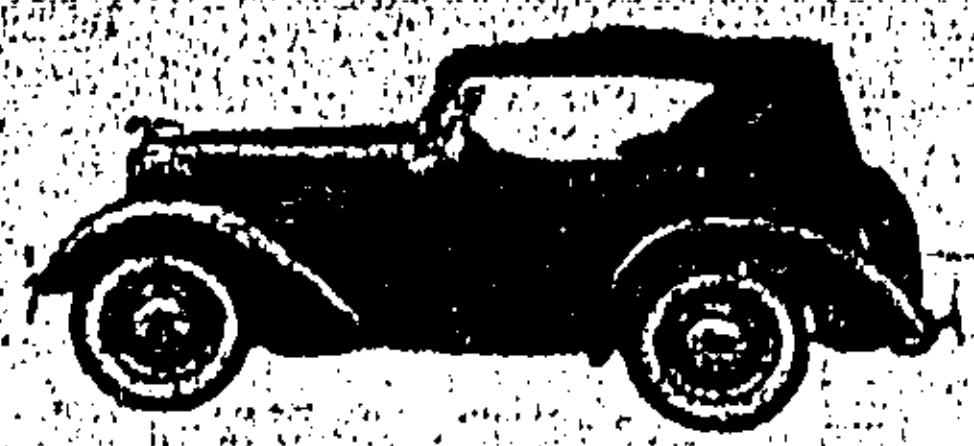
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## THAI AND INDO-CHINA POSTPONE ARMISTICE: PARLEY OPENS TO-DAY

SAIGON, JAN. 28 (UP).—THE JAPANESE CRUISER NATORI, ACCOMPANIED BY A DESTROYER, ARRIVED AT 2 P.M. FOR THE ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS AMIDST EXPLODING FIRECRACKERS AND THOUSANDS OF FLUTTERING CHINESE FLAGS WHICH MARKED SAIGON'S POPULATION OF 260,000 CHINESE WHO ARE CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, GENERAL SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION, CONSUL-GENERAL HAYASHI AND FOUR JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVED BY PLANE FROM HANOI AND LATER THE THAI DELEGATION ARRIVED FROM BANGKOK.

### Retreating Italians Re-form RESISTANCE AT AGORDAT?

CAIRO, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—After their hasty 100-mile retreat into Eritrea from the Sudanese frontier, there are signs that the Italians have finally decided to offer resistance at Agordat, an important town on the railway running to the Red Sea.

### GERMANS POUR INTO ITALY Trieste Riots Reported

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—German troops are pouring steadily into Italy through Brenner and important staff talks are now being held in Rome between the German and Italian General Staffs.

So states the American commentator, Martin Agronsky, broadcasting from Ankara for the National Broadcasting Corporation to the United States to-day and quoting what he described as an "authenticated report which arrived in Ankara to-day an unimpeachable diplomatic source in Rome."

According to this source, the Fascist Party has become alarmed at the freedom with which the public now dares to criticise the regime and has begun to fear for the loyalty of the Italian Army.

**Spontaneous Demonstration**

The report states that in industrial districts in the north, the people talk openly in public about the mistakes of the regime. Several spontaneous demonstrations are described as having occurred in the streets of Rome itself against German soldiers in uniform.

The report also mentions the mysterious disappearance of certain

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### Soviet-Axis Channel Halifax And Blockade

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—After conferring with Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, for nearly an hour to-day, Lord Halifax, the new British Ambassador, told newsmen that he expected to take up with the State Department in the immediate future the question of exports to Russia which Britain believes are replacing the Soviet's shipments to Germany.

Lord Halifax said that a "considerable amount" of American goods had been shipped to Russia and that "there may be more in future."

Lord Halifax said that he believed that shipments were also being made to Russia from Latin-American countries.

**Military Value**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Commenting on Mr. Hugh Dill's statement in the House of Commons regarding United States exports to the U.S.S.R., Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, said that he believed that American exports to the Soviet Union were insufficient to be of any great military value to Germany.

### Boothby Resignation And Czech Assets

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A debate was held this afternoon on the resignation of Mr. Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Food, following the inquiry by the Select Committee into his conduct in connection with Czech assets.

Mr. Boothby made a long statement, declaring that his activities had been not only innocent but actually praiseworthy. The important thing was to stop £77,000,000 going to the Nazis and that was done.

His main objectives were to prevent the money going to the Germans and to secure its distribution among Czech residents in Britain, many of whom would otherwise have been penniless to-day.

"Looking back, the whole unfortunate business seems so unnecessary. A postscript to a letter, a sentence or two in conversation or speech, which could have altered neither facts nor the course of events nor my conduct, were all that was required, but it never occurred to me that they were necessary. Maybe I was thoughtless."

The armistice negotiations will commence at 3 p.m. on January 29 on board the cruiser Natori, and will continue twice daily until concluded which French officials expect will be within two or three days.

Meanwhile, a Japanese squadron is still cruising off Cape Saint Jacques. The arrival of the cruiser Natori has created gloom amongst the Frenchmen here who predicted that it is a forerunner to Japanese expansion in southern Indo-China.

### LINER'S ALLEGED S.O.S. Nazi Ruse To Locate British Ship

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The liner Empress of Australia was almost certainly in harbour, it is pointed out in London, when the alleged attack on her took place.

An S.O.S. said to have come from the ship, stated that she was in a position some 200 miles west of Dakar. This would mean that the nearest British port would be Freetown, in Sierra Leone, about 800 miles away. Thus the ship could not possibly have reached a British port during the time between the alleged S.O.S. and the announcement that the ship was safe.

### Khalsa Defence Of India League

LAHORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Executive Committee of the Khalsa Defence of India League has decided to send a deputation, under the leadership of the Maharaja of Patiala, to wait on the Commander-in-Chief to press the rights and claims of the Sikh community in respect of entrance into the Indian Army.

### Moscow Mouthpiece On Finnish White Guards

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A reminder that they were living in a frontier republic and must strive unceasingly to strengthen the country's defences was uttered by M. Kuusinen, President of the Supreme Council of the Karelian-Finnish Soviet Republic, speaking at Petrozavodsk at a meeting marking the anniversary of Lenin's death.

M. Kuusinen declared that Finnish White Guards, who are saying that they are striving to maintain friendly relations with the U.S.S.R., are actually imprisoning and beating up friends of the Soviet Union in Finland, and a Finnish Court recently decided to close the Society of Friendship with the Soviet Union on grounds that it was impairing Soviet-Finnish relations.

**Hostilities Continue**

HANOI, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is officially stated that hostilities between Thailand and Indo-China have not ceased on the northern front. A Government communique issued at 1 p.m. said that Thai troops are continuing their machine gun fire northwest of Luangprabang.

It was also declared that the Government had not received any news from Saigon as to whether or not the armistice began at 10 a.m.

**High Command Report**

BANGKOK, Jan. 28 (UP).—The High Command, detailing the fighting until the order to cease firing at 10 a.m. said that Thai forces continued to advance on an objective and had captured Changkai in the Arany sector. Two towns were occupied in the Ubol sector and the troops also advanced from Bansamrong, occupying Chongai. In the Champasak town, in Siam, French artillery fired on an abortive attempt to recapture the city; however, the Thai forces repulsed the attack.

Yesterday at 11.15 a.m. two French twin-engine planes dropped bombs on a forest at an undisclosed point. The Thai air force to-day bombed Patlin and Siamphong for two hours and also attacked French troop positions with good results. All planes returned despite strong anti-aircraft resistance.

### Vichy-Berlin Exchanges

**Hitler Replies To Petain**

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Comte de Brinon, the Vichy Government representative in Paris, has returned to Paris from Germany with Hitler's reply to the message sent him by Marshal Petain last month, according to the Swiss radio.

Marshal Petain's message, which is understood to have concerned the Marshal's conditions for Franco-German co-operation, was transmitted to Hitler by the Vichy Minister of Marine, Admiral Darlan, when he visited Paris during Christmas week.

Previously there had been a crop of unconfirmed reports that Hitler had made far-reaching demands, mainly concerning the future of the French Fleet.



Several units of Free-French forces have been, and are still taking part in the British offensive in North Africa and Libya. British H.Q. communicantes have several times referred to the prominent part these men have taken in the action. This picture shows a Free French motorised column ready to move forward in the offensive against Libya.

### Luftwaffe Resumes Raids Ends Eight Days Of Inactivity

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The German air force sent a steady trickle of planes over the eastern and south-eastern counties of England to-day after leaving London and most of Britain severely alone for eight consecutive nights and almost all the intervening hours of daylight.

An Air Ministry communique issued this evening states, "It is believed that some lone raiders were fulfilling the purpose of reconnaissance to report on the weather."

**Four Alerts**

The London area had four alerts. After the third, a basket of incendiary bombs fell in one district. Trolley buses were held up while wardens, police and civilians, benefiting from the experience of recent fire-raising attempts by night, quickly put out the incendiaries with sandbags conveniently resting against lamp-posts and at street corners.

Several high explosives were dropped in a residential area and considerable damage was done to houses, but there were no serious casualties other than one woman killed while walking in the street.

**Eastern Counties**

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A number of enemy aircraft crossed the south coast and flew over south-east England this afternoon.

### Conscientious Objectors Ill Treated

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The War Minister, Captain David Margesson, has decided that one officer and six non-commissioned officers, against whom allegations of ill-treating conscientious objectors have been made, will be tried by Court Martial.

In announcing the decision in the House of Commons, Captain Margesson said that the House would appreciate that he could not make a further statement while the matter has not been decided.

### Bose Still Missing

CALCUTTA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The mystery of Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance continues. His relatives describe his disappearance as a sudden religious impulse.

### Submarine Lost

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the British submarine Triton is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

### HONGKONG BOY GIVEN "BLUE"

News has just been received by his father in Hongkong that William ("Bill") Pryde, youngest son of Mr. Walter Pryde of the P.W.D., who was a Peace Memorial Scholarship winner, has been awarded his soccer Blue at Cambridge.

The young man, who was a Central British School student, played at outside-right for the Cantabs against Oxford and scored the first of his team's two goals. The Varsities drew two-all.

### Tri-Pronged Japanese Offensive

**In Anhwei & Honan**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KWOYANG, Anhwei Province, Jan. 29 (Domei).—Launching the first major operation in the New Year, Japanese forces since January 25 have been attacking three important groups of Chinese armies in a three-cornered simultaneous movement from northern and southern Honan northwestern Anhwei.

Operating in the Peking-Hankow Railway zone, a large column of Japanese forces is pushing northward to smash General Tang En-po's troops in southern Honan, while another major column is fighting its way through the Chungking forces under General Ho Chu-kuo in the northwestern sector of Anhwei around Poshien, along the Kwoho River banks.

In concert with the eastern and southern columns, still another Japanese column has started a vigorous drive from the upper reaches of the New Yellow River to attack General Sun Tung-suan's forces on the eastern and northern banks of the New Yellow River in northern Honan Province.

### Morgenthau Wants Aid To Britain Sanction

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The collapse of France had doubled Britain's financial liabilities, declared Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Lease and Lend Bill.

Britain, he said, had taken over all French contracts in the United States although she no longer had the help of French money to pay for them.

British gold and other dollar assets had been depleted by \$2,318,000,000 in the first six months of war.

Mr. Morgenthau told the Committee that British purchases of war material had virtually stopped in December.

Urging speedy approval of the

### The Fleet Versus Warplanes

**Expert's Confidence In Our Sea Units**

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Full confidence in the continued fighting power of the British Fleet was expressed to-day in the first comment by a high British naval officer on the air war at sea since the Battle of the Straits of Sicily began.

"Air action will not seriously hamper the power of the Navy so long as you have enough aircraft carriers," he said. "Our continued operations in the Mediterranean, despite both the German and Italian air forces, prove this."

"By the very nature of the Fleet's continued action, there must be reverses as in the case of the cruiser Southampton and the aircraft carrier Illustrious."

In this officer's view, there is very little danger of a capital ship being sunk by a bombing attack, for it is able to take such heavy punishment.

Discussing the relative merits of the British and German air action at

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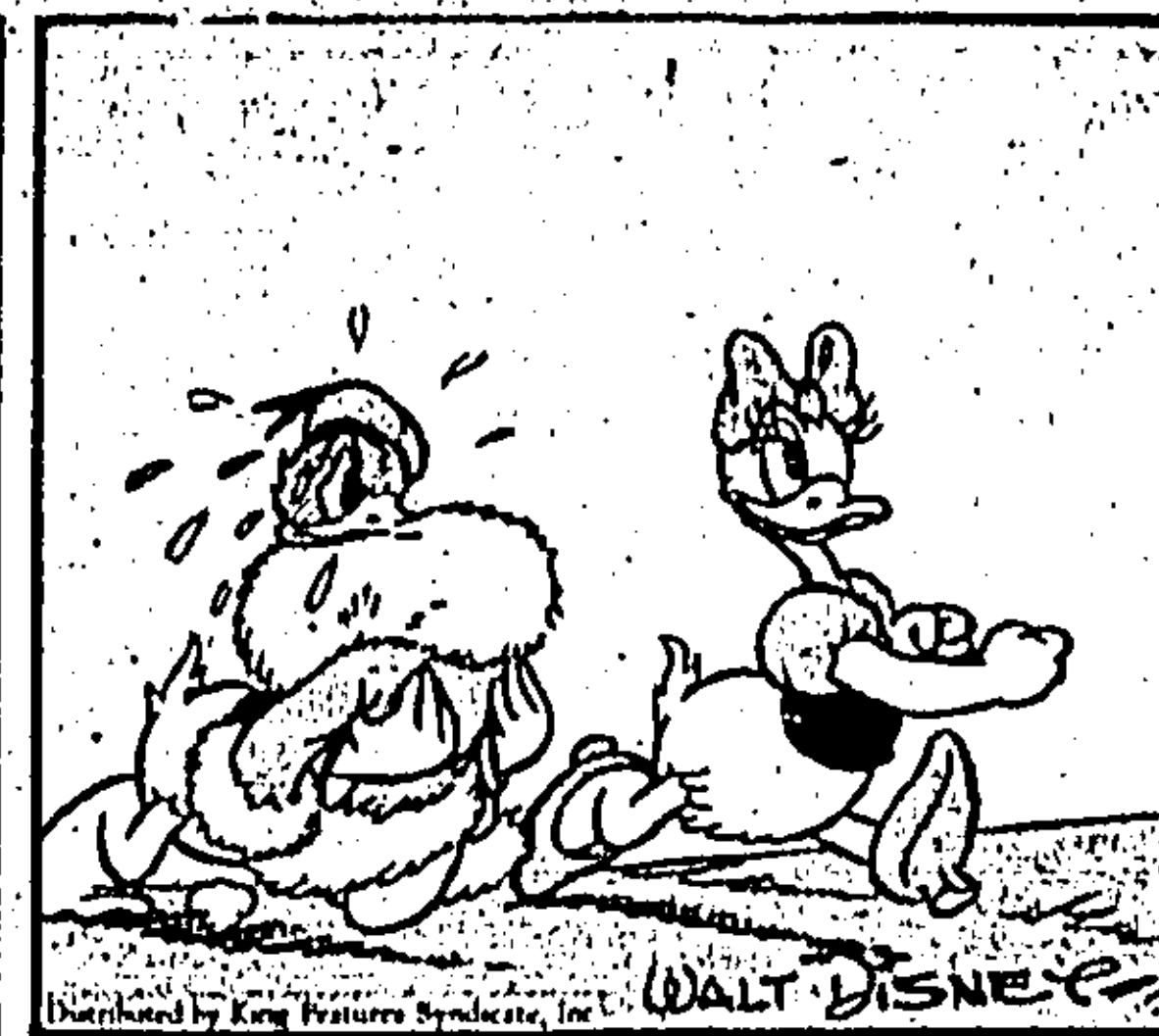
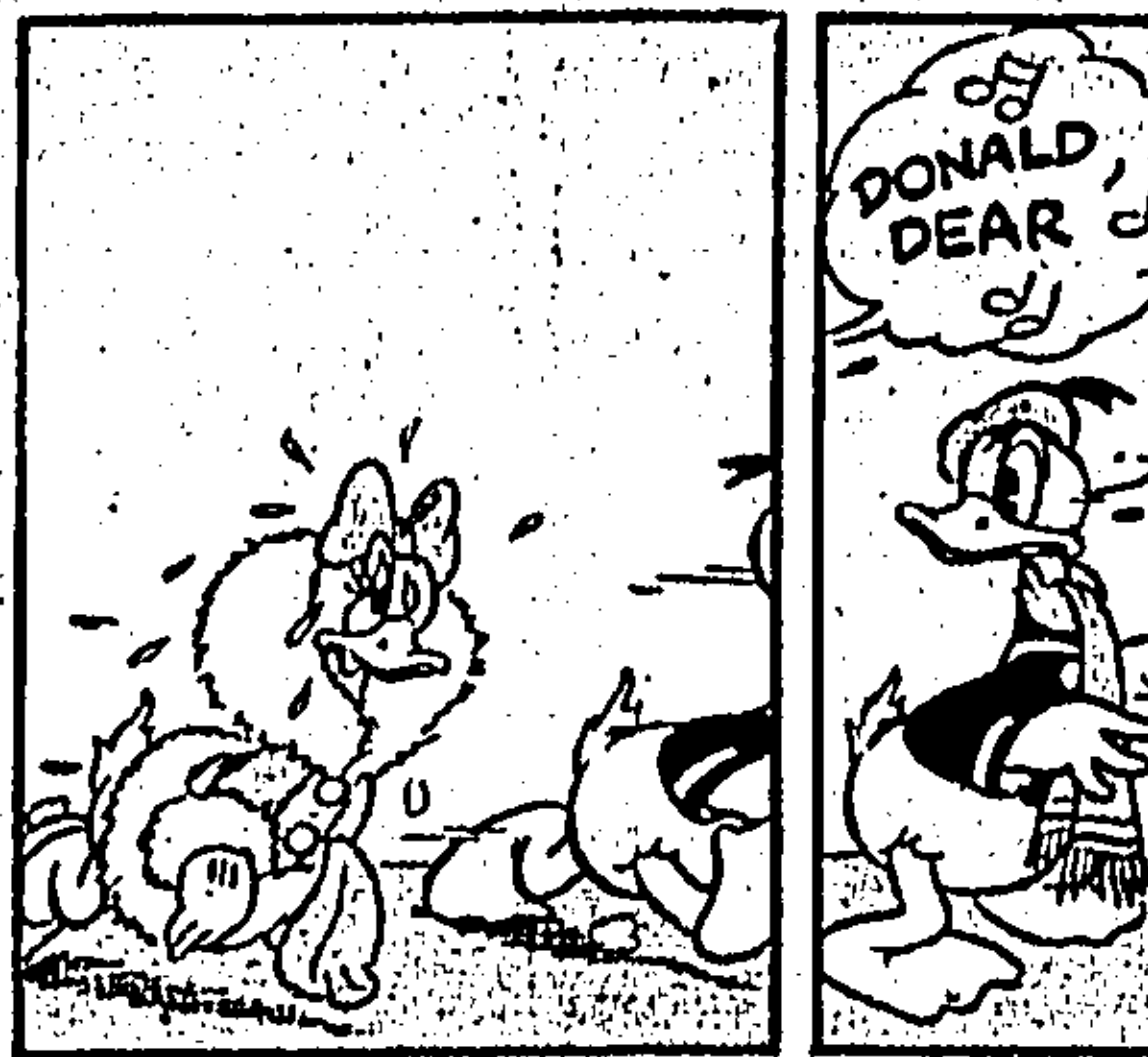
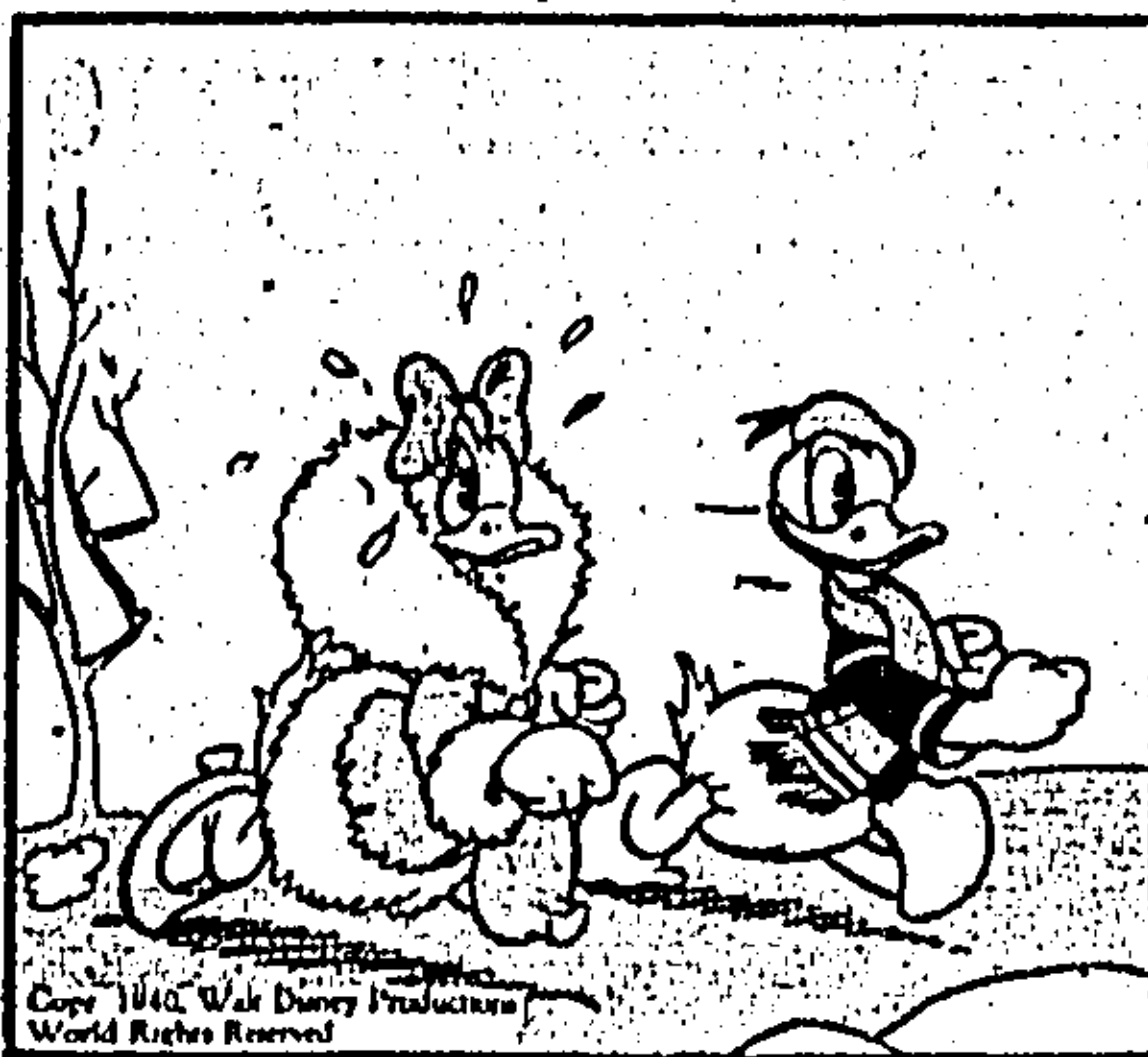
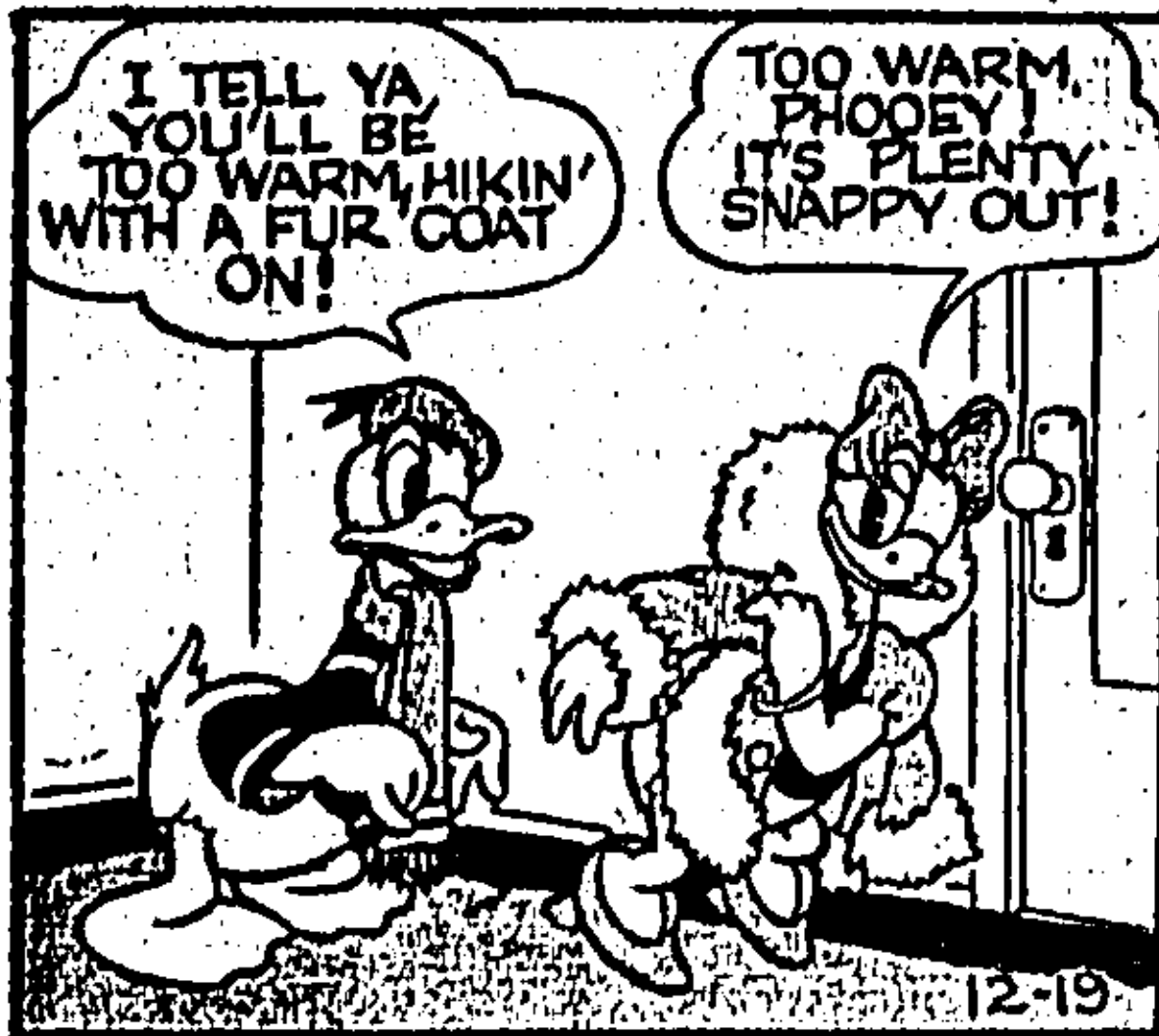






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## RAIDED LONDON CARRIES ON



A PILOT OFFICER, recently awarded the D.F.C., arrived on leave in London one morning just in time to help salvage furniture from the ruins of his home. The house had been wrecked by a bomb during the night. He had been expected home the evening before, but delay during the journey prevented him from being in the house when it was wrecked.



MEN OF THE PIONEER CORPS clearing up in a London street after trams had been hit during a raid on the City.



FATHER ARCHER assisting a rescue squad to dig out 12 people trapped under a mass of wreckage in London. When faint cries were heard from the debris, Father Archer knelt amid the ruins and offered a prayer for those below.



AFTER BEING ENTOMBED for 18 hours this cat was rescued from the debris of one of the houses. It had crawled into a cupboard and its plaintive "meowings" were heard by demolition men.



NEAR MISS.—There are bomb craters within a hundred yards of London Bridge, but City workers are still able to walk across the river to their offices.



ACROBATS entertaining the crowd in an underground shelter.

## Thai Border Fighting Still in Progress

Bangkok, Jan. 28.—Prospects of a truce agreement and cession of hostilities seem to be jeopardised if the Secretary-General of French Indo-China is correctly reported in saying that fighting will only end if the Thai forces are withdrawn completely from French Indo-China.

Reuter learns from official quarters that Thai forces will not be withdrawn from Indo-China as a condition precedent to peace negotiations.

Domel reports that an emergency Cabinet meeting was held on Monday in Bangkok to discuss the French-Thai proposals for an armistice.

### Firing Still Continues

Bangkok, Jan. 28. A High Command communiqué declared that at 11 a.m. to-day the French were still firing on the Thai forces, although the Thai forces ceased their fire at 10 a.m. The French continued to fire in the Vientiane, Pakee, and Sipsophon areas, despite the agreement to cease fire.

Luang Pibul, Supreme Commander, has notified the Japanese Mediation Mission that the French are continuing to fire.

A Foreign Office announcement declares that a truce agreement will be worked out before negotiations for the settlement of the dispute begin. The Council of Ministers had an extraordinary session to-day. The Japanese Consul-General at Hanoi, Mr. Fujio Minoda has arrived.

Official quarters announce that the Thai forces will not be withdrawn from Indo-China before peace negotiations begin. Truce negotiations will be carried on in Indo-China as soon as possible. The Thai delegates will probably go to Indo-China this week and following the successful conclusion of the truce agreement negotiations will be opened in Tokyo.

Thailand observers are confident that Japan's mediation will award Thailand the disputed territories. Some feel that if Thailand's original request is not granted hostilities will be resumed. The people are calm and there has been no celebration of the cessation of hostilities. There is no sign of excitement throughout the city.

Official quarters say France must agree to the Thai forces remaining in Indo-China and also the establishment of a neutral zone between the opposing forces along the present front before Thailand will sign the truce agreement. Negotiations for a settlement of the dispute will follow the signing of the truce agreement.

### Occupied Territory

Singapore, Jan. 28. A Thai Consulate communiqué states that by an order dated January 20, the Thailand Supreme Command issued administrative regulations incorporating the territory already occupied within the contiguous Thai provinces.

### Thailand Returns Fire

Bangkok, Jan. 28. The High Command announced that fighting had been resumed. The Thai forces returning the French fire at 1 p.m. as the French had not ceased firing at 10 a.m., according to the agreement.

The French took advantage of the Thai cessation of firing and opened heavy artillery fire, declares the communiqué. They also sent reinforcements to the French positions at Bansamrong. We were forced to open fire in self defence at 1.30 p.m., resulting in the defeat of the French and the taking of many prisoners. The incident has been reported to the Japanese Government.

### Conference at Saigon

Saigon, Jan. 28. The truce conference will probably begin to-morrow. The French delegates, led by Colonel Juan, arrived here to-day by aeroplane. Thai delegates are also beginning to arrive.

It is understood the agenda will include disposal of the Thai troops penetrating Indo-China, relaxation of the contact between the two forces along the frontier, withdrawal of both forces and exchange of prisoners. Considerable discussion is also expected regarding the provisional demarcation of border defence lines in connection with the Thai demands for the recovery of its former territories.

### France Reluctant

Tokyo, Jan. 28. While admitting that France was reluctant at first to accept the Japanese offer of mediation, Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Information Board, this morning replied negatively to the suggestion that third Powers were instigating

Indo-China to show an uncompromising attitude towards Thailand.

Grandly speaking, France at first was reluctant to accept Japan's offer of mediation, but she accepted it after all.

Mr. Ishii told foreign correspondents.

Questioned about the Press report from Hanoi that Indo-China was assuming an uncompromising attitude towards Thailand since France's acceptance of Japan's mediation offer, Mr. Ishii opined that the report referred to the details to be negotiated between Thailand and French Indo-China.

Turning to the Franco-Japanese policy in Tokyo regarding Indo-China, Mr. Ishii disclosed that the negotiators were meeting almost daily to discuss a draft on the rice question article by article.

## Distress Calls Proven False

Miami, Jan. 28. Tropical Radio at 10.43 p.m. today heard a radio message purporting to be from the Empress of Australia stating: "We have been torpedoed. The ship is down by the bow. All boats are over the side. Our position is about 200 miles off Dakar. The decks are awash."

Ten minutes later the station heard another message stating: "We are being shelled again."

Two minutes after this, the station announced, only unintelligible dots and dashes could be heard.

Tropical Radio stated that, in reply, they sent out a routine signal on a short-wave band, which apparently "came clear" to the operator on the Empress of Australia.

Tropical Radio's operator declared: "He was in a hurry to get anyone he could, so he sent a message to us."

It is assumed that the ship was engaged on war duty, either as an auxiliary cruiser or as a troop transport.

It will be recalled that the Empress of Australia was the ship which brought King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada in 1939 when they visited Canada and the United States.

### Liner Safe in Port

London, Jan. 28. The crack British liner Empress of Australia is safe in port. A statement to this effect was issued in London following a German radio statement that according to an American report, distress signals had been picked up from the Empress of Australia, which was represented as being torpedoed 200 miles from Dakar.

In accordance with the usual practice of not revealing the whereabouts of vessels the British reply is limited to the above announcement.

### Mediterranean Claims

Rome, Jan. 27. German planes hit a battleship and a cruiser with two heavy bombs each on Friday in addition to the British cruisers already reported. It said, "The two cruisers which are now undergoing repairs at Alexandria were gravely damaged in the air attack of January 9."

### Weekly Loss Figures

London, Jan. 28. Mercantile losses due to enemy action for the week ended at midnight on January 19 announced to be "ships with a total tonnage of 58,212 comprising five British ships of a total of 34,772 tons and six Allied of 23,440 tons. This figure is higher than it has been in recent weeks."

It has been noted that the practice of announcing total German claims week by week alongside the losses actually suffered has led to progressive reduction in the claims made by the German High Command. During the week under review the German High Command has claimed a total of 41,800 tons sunk—British Wireless.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A total of \$1,500,774.21, CN8470 and US\$10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post. The following donations were received: Talook, Bockyard, "Spare Gear" (weekly donation) \$1,115; Police Recreation Club (first donation) 100; The Cottage Club Bookie 115; Red Cross 200.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

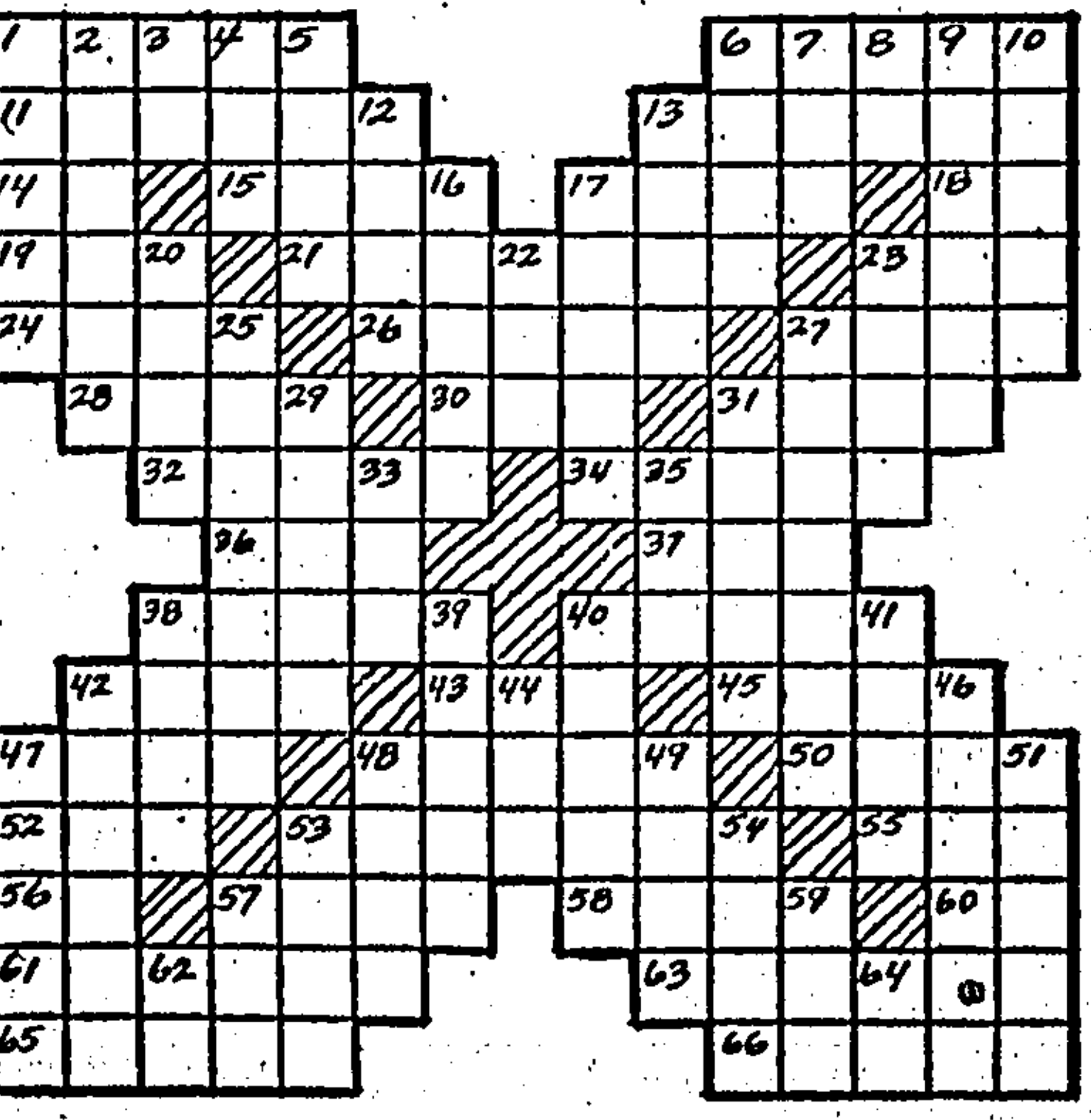
ACROSS ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Be buzzed up by liquid  
2—Partners  
3—English metropolis  
4—Comfortably  
5—Liver in Russia  
6—Expression of regret  
7—Portions of circles  
8—One  
9—Small swelling on eyelid  
10—Authorise  
11—Author of Japanese Constitution  
12—Cows (Irish, Eng.)  
13—Huge  
14—Brought up  
15—Caused bell to sound  
16—Blindfold golf score  
17—Collection of laws  
18—Author of "The Clotel and the Heart"  
19—Desire something  
20—Pirate woman  
21—Ship  
22—Scene of action  
23—Character of Shakespeare's "Pericles"  
24—Prussian canal  
25—Ship  
26—Propel oneself in water  
27—City division  
28—Mills of wind  
29—Narrow river  
30—Abstract conception of being  
31—Strong fortress  
32—Part of wheat plant  
33—In the manner in which

DOWN

1—Long-necked bottle  
2—Consume idly  
3—Upon  
4—Girl's name  
5—Sound of bell  
6—Medieval war-club

1—Pool  
2—Well below "do" in anti-fa tonic system  
3—Pleasantly excited  
4—Eccelesiastical council  
5—Panting device  
6—Cattle language  
7—Rural view  
8—Consumed with  
9—Wish  
10—Division of time  
11—Historical period  
12—Made contemptuous  
13—Tongue  
14—Obtain on promise  
15—Minut of preceding  
16—Articles of same  
17—Jail  
18—Snake-like fish  
19—Wink-like part  
20—Causes to touch at  
21—End of  
22—Dissemination of doctrine  
23—Liver in Africa  
24—Middle western state  
25—Literary collection  
26—Littered moribund  
27—Sound  
28—Jack together, as threads  
29—Becomes obscure  
30—Exchange  
31—Metropolis  
32—Decoy for animals  
33—Nail  
34—Pirate person plural  
35—Circumference



### CENTENARIAN'S DONATION

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 10 (UP).—Collectors were puzzled when a donation of a dollar and one cent came in for Vancouver's Air Supremacy Drive. The accompanying letter explained it. The money was from Mrs. Jane Jackson, and represented a penny for every year of her life. She is 101.

### ROBERT BENCHLEY AS DEANNA'S DAD

Robert Benchley has been engaged by Universal to portray Deanna Durbin's father in the singing star's next production, "Nice Girl." Filming has started under direction of William A. Seiter, and with Franchot Tone and Robert Stack playing the romantic male leads.



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The Carroll Family wishes to thank all relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, for flowers sent and for their attendance at the funeral.

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## INDIAN TROOPS IN ACTION

ONE of the most interesting features of the war in the Western Desert is the presence of troops from several nations fighting side by side under the British flag. Their joint attacks which have been carried out under extremely difficult conditions have shown an unified front and an equality of courage which has inspired the whole of the watching world.

It is perhaps invidious in a campaign in which dangers, discomforts and successes are shared equally by all to dissociate one group from another, but the part played by the Indian troops merits record. Always renowned for their bravery and loyalty, the Indian troops now in the African campaign seem to have reached greater heights of courage, zeal and endurance than ever before. It is true that the Indian people as a whole, realise very fully the fact that Britain's victory is as vital to them as it is to the Londoner, or any other British subject, and the whole British Commonwealth is at one in this total war.

Broadcasting to the Indian troops, the Commander-in-Chief offered his personal congratulations to them for the gallant part they are playing in the Western Desert operations. He said: "I am proud of your achievement; India is proud of her brave soldier sons." An eye-witness' account of the Sidi Barrani battle, referred to the way in which the Indian troops kept their heads, when Italian planes roared overhead, bombs bursting perilously near and machineguns adding their rattat to the fury of the onslaught.

It was reported some days ago that Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Indian Premier, who visited the Indian troops in the Desert, said on his return home that: these soldiers had told him they would not return before victory. He added that the entire Muslim world, including Turkey, was solidly behind the Allies. This fact—and it is undeniably a fact—must be giving Hitler much food for thought. It is an answer to any threat he might wish to make to Turkey, Syria or any other part of the Eastern Mediterranean.

## THE LION OF JUDAH RETURNS TO HIS PEOPLE



HAILE SELASSIE, Emperor of Ethiopia, who was forced into exile by Italian aggression, is back in Africa. This picture, from a news-reel, shows him in Sudan, receiving Abyssinian chiefs who are helping the British forces.

# Let Us Have Some DIPLOMATIC BOMBING

I AM not a military expert, I am a diplomatic correspondent. My job is to know all that is going on in Europe.

By A  
Diplomatic  
Correspondent

It is because I understand the present political feeling on the Continent that I SAY **BRITAIN MUST AT ONCE ADOPT DIPLOMATIC BOMBING IN EUROPE.**

The Germans tried it when they set out to smash our civilian morale by bombs.

They have failed miserably because we are a united people.

But Greater Germany, sprawling awkwardly across Europe, is the very reverse of a united people.

In this loose-linked German Europe there are now exceptional opportunities for carrying out raids on psychological-political objectives.

The right kind of propaganda can turn the weaknesses that I know exist in Germany's Europe into a source of sabotage of the enemy's war effort.

And by "right propaganda" I mean bombs. Leaflets and broadcasts can follow.

## The Weakest Link

NOT only are there underground opposition movements in Germany and in Austria, but there are discords within the very Nazi Party itself.

There are also regional rivalries and divergences, more especially as between Germany and what was once Austria.

Austria is in fact the weakest link in the actual Germanic chain.

The Austrians have not yet had the war brought home to them. Below the surface the Socialists, Communists and

Monarchists are very much alive. Discontent is rife, too, among the local Nazis—the "Old Illegals" who in the days when they worked for Hitler against their own country were dazzled by the prospect of being big bosses—in a Nazified Austria, but who when the Anschluss came, found themselves only little bosses, with all the big jobs in the hands of the Reich-German Nazis.

The disappointment and desire for a different kind of regime, at present without means of expression, would soon find a way of self-assertion once the R.A.F. carried the war into Austria itself.

**R.A.F. Visits Appreciated**  
AND what applies to Austria also applies to Bohemia-Moravia, where the German Nazis and the Sudetenland Nazis are lording it over the Czechs.

But they would not be lording it for long if R.A.F. bombs came raining down on Prague, on Reichenberg, on Eger, on Marienbad, on Karlsbad!

Knowing the people, knowing the country, and knowing their hatred of the Nazis, I sincerely believe that the Czechs would understand and put up with it.

When, after the appointment of Sir Charles Portal to the leadership of the R.A.F., our bombers raided the Skoda armament works, Czechoslovakia, the Czechs understood—and appreciated the action.

It was an encouragement to high places of the nature and them—whatever casualties they methods of the enemy? may have suffered.

A few R.A.F. visits to Bratislava, capital of the so-called "independent" Slovakia, would also have excellent political effects.

**Let Rome Have It!**  
AND if all this is true of Greater Germany, how much more true is it of Italy, direction in the technical means we now possess.

it—and they are kept at it only by Mussolini's "successes," according to his own war communiques.

When the R.A.F. visited Naples, 100 miles away the citizens of Rome spent the night in shelters.

What would happen if the bombs fell on Rome itself can only be imagined.

The Italians have not our "we can take it" courage. They would not "take it" for long.

There is a good deal of underground opposition to Mussolini and Fascism, both within and without the Fascist Party, which would soon find means of expression when British bombs began to fall on Rome itself.

I would also suggest bombing raids on the Rumanian oil fields—from our bases in Cyprus and Crete.

**For The Squoamish**  
DIPLOMATIC bombing is not a matter of reprisals.

This is total war—but so far it has only been total in regard to British civilians.

It is high time that Britain should adopt the totalitarian principle in war.

For the sentimentally squeamish, let me point out that there are plenty of military objectives in the countries I have named.

And by military objectives I mean not only military establishments and factories, but also Government officers and officials. Hitler is a war objective.

And so is Mussolini. Britain now has the technical means of diplomatic bombing. We have the pilots. We have the new bombers. We have at the head of the R.A.F. a man with the right aggressive spirit.

**What Is Holding Us?**  
What then is holding us back?

Whitehall's inability to visualise what kind of war this is?

A lack of understanding in high places of the nature and methods of the enemy?

Ignorance on the part of our rulers of the political and psychological conditions prevailing in the enemy countries?

Westminster's hugging of time-honoured but outworn traditions?

Whatever it may be, it must mean that we are swept away.

We need imaginative war in keeping with the technical means we now possess. Given that—we can win the war, and what is even more important, do what we failed to do in this war—they can do after our victory in the last war—had but little desire for war—win the peace as well.

## Millions Spent On Television

Washington, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Federal Communications Commission reports that private interests are spending \$8,000,000 for research and experimentation to develop television on a commercial basis.

The Commission broadened the experimental field by licensing ten new stations, six of which will be located in Los Angeles. Previous authorisations have provided a geographic distribution of facilities to thwart any tendency toward monopoly.

Howard Hughes, multi-millionaire aviator and movie producer, is ready to spend \$2,000,000 alone, the Commission said, for the development of television stations in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The ten new stations were expected by the Commission to spend \$3,000,000 for experimentation and research. Others previously licensed have invested \$5,000,000 in the industry.

## Public Interest

"These contemplated programmes of research and experimentation are pursuant to Commission requirements looking to development of television to a point that will enable the industry to agree on a uniform transmission system of an acceptable technical quality," the F.C.C. said. The F.C.C. has insisted upon uniform transmission standards to facilitate public participation in the industry. Chairman James Lawrence Fly has contended that overnight changes which would outmoded existing receivers must be avoided.

## MOSLEY GROWS A BEARD

SIR OSWALD MOSLEY, the Fascist leader, is growing a beard. It is now about an inch and a half long, is almost jet black, and covers the whole of his chin.

He is in Brixton Prison, and when seen recently he had a thick growth of black hair covering the lower part of his face.

People who knew the interned Fascist leader well hardly recognised him in his beard.

## Wears 'Uniform'

Sir Oswald Mosley looked healthy enough, and was dressed in a black lounge coat and flannel trousers—the "uniform" he used to wear at his Fascist meetings before he was arrested on May 23 at his London flat in Dolphin Square, S.W.

He has been detained in Brixton Prison under section 18B of the Defence Regulations ever since. Mosley apparently intends for the present to cultivate the short "imperial" type of beard, as it was noticed that the ends were being trimmed to a point. But he may change the style when the "growth" becomes stronger.



# CHIANG KAI-SHEK EXPLAINS NEED FOR SUPPRESSING FOURTH ARMY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A lengthy statement by General Chiang Kai-shek on the disbandment of the New Fourth Army (Communist) forces on the south bank of the Yangtse River early this month and a vigorous denial of Japanese reports of civil war or an unfavourable turn in international events, were contained in an address delivered at yesterday's weekly memorial meeting and released to-night. Referring to reports of civil war the Generalissimo declared that in China to-day there is absolute unanimity of purpose among the people and the armed forces.

Questions of maintenance of war-time discipline and obedience to military discipline have no relation whatever to such a possibility.

Referring to the Powers' assistance to China, the Generalissimo stated, "The record of four years of sympathy and assistance from friendly nations has shown them to be uniformly desirous of seeing strict discipline enforced in our armies as a means of enhancing efficiency in resistance. There was never an instance of their being discouraged by our taking the action required. They will recognize the propriety of any action in keeping with the high standards of sound discipline prevailing in the Chinese armed forces."

**Inspiration To Resist**  
"So far from the effect being as the Japanese foolishly attempt to convey, foreign countries will be inspired with respect for us by observing our ability to put down insubordination without hesitation or trepidation despite the difficulties attendant on such action under conditions imposed by active prosecution of the war."

After pointing out that "there is no more essential factor required for victory in resistance than the reliable execution of orders and the exercise of discipline," General Chiang stated that the measures taken by the Government in regard to the New Fourth Army were in no way peculiar.

He recalled similar punishment of Chinese generals like Han Fuchang, Li Fuying and Shi Yuesun, in the past three years for various offences against discipline.

**No Private Feelings**  
After charging the New Fourth Army of "attacking a body of comrades in arms, disobedience to orders, and rebellious gestures," the Generalissimo declared, "I am entrusted with power directing the armies, and I fail to enforce discipline with due rigour, yielding to any private susceptibilities of my own, I become myself a violator of discipline and betray all men fighting at the front."

There would soon be an end of resistance and revolution if orders were permitted to be disobeyed and discipline unobserved.

"The incident under discussion is an exceedingly distressing case of military necessity. Far be it from me to construe it as a matter for gratification; it was something much to be ashamed of, and I am keeping it secret from foreigners or from the enemy. Such incidents cannot be concealed."

**Previous Disobedience**  
"Former cases of disobedience on the part of the New Fourth Army and of its clashes with other troops were passed over by me in silence, though not intended for the purpose of keeping them secret from foreigners or from the enemy. Such incidents cannot be concealed."

"My motives were, firstly my concern for the good name of the troops and hope for their reform, secondly to preserve intact the forces of resistance."

"But the New Fourth Army continued to take all manner of arbitrary action until it has become apparent that if it were unchecked China would cease to be worthy of the name of the nation, that she would be powerless to make a success of resistance."

"In conclusion I have only to say that my action was dictated solely by a desire to strengthen the nation's capacity for resistance."

"The incident is now entirely closed. The problem has been settled once and for all, and it no longer remains in any shape or form."

"The conduct of the New Fourth Army and the punishment imposed have no bearing on the status of other sections of the national forces. Absolutely no political party issue is involved."

## CHINA'S SAVING CERTIFICATES

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (Central News).—The campaign for the sale of National Economy Savings Certificates has reaped remarkable results since it was launched on September 18 last year, the anniversary of the Mukden Incident.

A preliminary estimate made to-day, the anniversary of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in Shanghai in 1937, reveals that the total amount of certificates sold is worth approximately \$250,000,000 (National currency).

The largest amounts are understood to have been sold abroad and in Chungking, Yunnan, Kwangtung, and Fukien. In many cities the amounts sold have exceeded the amounts assigned for sale.

## Losses And Thefts

Mr. R. A. Wickerson of No. 1 Chatham Path has reported that a raincoat and a pair of gloves, aggregating \$30 in value, were stolen from his car while it was parked in Jackson Road yesterday.

Lieut.-Col. C. O. Shackleton of the Military Hospital has reported the loss of his car No. 4802, between 1.30 p.m. on January 27 and 1.30 p.m. on January 28 while it was parked outside the Hongkong Club.

## Rumania Closes All Gates

Sima Flees From Country

BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—All Rumanian passports must be stamped with a special visa before their owners can leave the country, according to a decree issued by General Ion Antonescu. The order includes diplomats.

Presumably it aims at preventing the escape of persons wanted by the Government for their share in the abortive Iron Guard revolt.

Press reports received here to-day state that Horia Sima, leader of the Iron Guard and Vice-Premier of Rumania, is now definitely known to have fled from Rumania.

Meanwhile the military authorities claim to have made a huge haul of arms from the rebels and to have recovered 70 lorry-loads of property looted by Iron Guards.

King Michael and the Queen Mother have given 500,000 lei for the fund for the benefit of families of soldiers killed in the revolt.

General Antonescu is suffering from influenza.

## H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

**BANKS**  
H.K. Banks \$.....1,405 n.  
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....85 n.  
Chartered £.....83 1/2 n.  
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....23 n.  
Mercantile, C. £.....11 1/2 n.  
East Asia £.....70 b.

**INSURANCES**  
Cantons \$.....210 b.  
H.K. Underwriters \$.....410 sa.  
H.K. Fire \$.....105 b.

**SHIPPING**  
Douglas \$.....135 n.  
Steamships \$.....11 n.  
Indo-China P. \$.....100 n.  
Indo-China D. \$.....80 n.  
Shell (Steamers) \$/.....44/8 n.  
Waterboats \$.....7 n.

**BOARDS EXCH.**  
Wharves \$.....98 n.  
Docks (old) \$.....18 sa.  
Docks (new) \$.....17 1/2 sa.  
Providents \$.....5.80 n.  
Shui Dockyards \$.....34 n.

**MINING**  
Kallan \$/.....18 n.  
H.K. Mines \$.....9 1/2 n.

**LANDS**  
Hotel \$.....3.55 b. & sa.  
Lands \$.....34 1/2 n.  
Lands 4% Debentures \$.....100 n.  
Shui Lands Sh. \$/.....13.70 n.  
Humphreys \$.....7.95 n.  
H.K. Realities \$.....3.85 n.  
Chinese Estates \$.....98 n.

**UTILITIES**  
Trams \$.....18.40 n.  
Peaks Trams (old) \$.....7 1/2 n.  
Peaks Trams (new) \$.....3 1/2 n.  
Star Ferries \$.....64 n.  
Y. Ferries \$.....24 1/2 n.  
China Lights (old) \$.....0.35 sa.  
China Lights (new) \$.....1 1/2 n.  
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....40 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) \$/.....17 1/2 n.  
Macao Electric (new) \$/.....10 1/2 n.  
Macao Electric (old) \$/.....11 1/2 n.  
Telephones (old) \$.....25 1/2 n.  
Telephones (new) \$.....10.20 n.

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....30 n.  
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....25 n.  
Canton Ices \$.....1 n.  
Cementa \$.....18.20 n.  
H.K. Ropes \$.....8.35 sa.

**STORES, &c.**  
Dairy Farms \$.....10.20 n.  
Watsons \$.....11.10 n.  
Lane Crawford \$.....7 1/2 n.  
Sinceres \$.....2.15 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....39 n.  
Powell Ltd. \$.....1.00 n.

**COTTON MILLS**  
Ewo Sh. \$.....40 n.  
Shui Cotton Sh. \$.....205 n.

**MISC.**  
H.K. Govt. 4%.....97 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1934).....92 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% (1940).....92 1/2 n.  
Ch. Govt. 6% 1925 Gds. 42/47 n.  
H.K. Entertainments \$.....7 b.  
Constructions (old) \$.....1.00 b.  
Constructions (new) \$.....1 n.  
Vibro Piling \$.....7.70 n.  
Maramans Inv. (Lon.) \$/.....7/0 n.  
Maramans Inv. (H.K.) \$/.....2/0 n.

## Floating Mine

According to a report made by the Master of the steamship Macao, a floating mine was observed at 7.10 this morning in Lat. 22.11° N. and Long. 114.08° E.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	420
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	47
T.T. Batavia	44
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	102
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	100
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/2
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## VICTORY FOR FREE FRENCH

Daring Raid In The Libyan Desert

(By Gordon Young, "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

CAIRO, Jan. 28.—While the British imperial forces were carrying all before them in their drive along the Libyan coast, Free French troops, it is learned, carried out daring and successful raids on a strategically important group of oases in the heart of the Libyan desert.

In the middle of January, a small Free French force, drawn from the crack Camel Corps and equipped also with mechanised transport which had secretly been assembled behind the frontier of French Equatorial Africa, began a 300-mile journey across the desert waste. They were moving up for an attack on the capital of the oases at Fezzan, which the Italians were using as an air base to keep watch over French territories in Equatorial Africa.

**Surprise Attack**  
Travelling nearly 100 miles a day, the French force escaped observation from the air and took the Italian garrison completely by surprise. The Italians were 500 strong and the French troops, consisting of soldiers from the Tibesti and Tareg Saharan tribes under French officers and non-commissioned officers and commanded by Lt-Col. Colonna Dornano, were greatly outnumbered. Nevertheless the Italians immediately withdrew to the French troops, who remained in the town, leaving the French force to destroy at will the aerodrome, hangars, workshops and other installations together with a number of aircraft on the ground.

The French carried on the work of destruction unhampered throughout the day while the enemy remained behind the walls of the fort. The French withdrew at nightfall, their work finished, but Lt Col Dornano fell victim to a sniper's bullet.

Very few of the French were wounded and they have brought back a score of Italian prisoners.

## Bail Application For Hayashi

Keswick Shooting Sequel

SHANGHAI, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—An application for bail was received by Mr. Horuchi, the Japanese Consul General, on behalf of Yukichi Hayashi, the arrested President of the Japanese Ratopayers' Association, who shot and wounded Mr. W. J. Keswick, Chairman of the Municipal Council, last week.

The application was submitted by the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions and was also addressed to the Chief of the Japanese Consular Police in whose custody Hayashi was placed after the shooting.

## ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that British trawlers and drifters destroyed three enemy planes off the east coast last Sunday afternoon, while they crippled and set fire to another on Saturday.

The Hongkong Singers, as a result of their recent concert at the Peninsula Hotel supplemented by sundry tributes, have now despatched a Draft for £20 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Relief Fund.

NANKING, Jan. 28 (Domel).—Mr. Chu Min-yi, newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Mrs. Chang Cheng, adviser to the Ambassador, left here by air this afternoon for Tokyo.



CATCHING UP ON NEWS.—At a railway station somewhere in Scotland, Prime Minister Winston Churchill reads a paper while waiting for his train.

## Captain Ramsay, M.P., To Stay In Gaol Denies Being Chosen As Nazi Gauleiter

Captain Ramsay, M.P., Hitler's alleged nominee as Gauleiter of Scotland, is to stay in jail.

This is the decision of the Parliamentary Committee of Privileges, to whom, it was revealed, he indignantly denied that he was to be Gauleiter.

"If I had accepted that post," he said, "it would have been treason."

His detention in Brixton Prison under the Defence Regulations does not, in the opinion of the Parliamentary Committee, constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons.

**No Immunity**  
After weeks of close inquiry, during which Captain Ramsay personally attended the Committee and stated his case, its members agreed that, as an M.P., he has no immunity from "preventive arrest." Their official report rules that Captain Ramsay's claim is either the assertion of a new Parliamentary privilege of an unjustified extension of an existing one.

He claimed that M.P.'s privilege of immunity from arrest extended to his kind of case.

This ruling of the body of M.P.s set up by Parliament to investigate Captain Ramsay's claim to be immune from detention means that he will continue to be kept under preventive arrest.

The reasons for the action taken by the Home Secretary who ordered his detention have already been examined, on appeal, by the Home Office Advisory Committee.

**Release Hope Goes**  
The findings of the Committee of Privileges—which was concerned only with Capt. Ramsay's position as an M.P.—mean there is no ground on which he can secure release.

In the secluded Committee Room at Westminster, where nine M.P.s, under Mr. Attlee's chairmanship, patiently went over the whole range of problems raised by the case, many sensational matters came up in evidence.

On one occasion Capt. Ramsay, interrupted by Mr. Attlee, the chairman, alleged, "this procedure is very like the Star Chamber methods."

**"Near Murderer"**  
Asking for the Committee's indulgence, Capt. Ramsay said: "If you had been locked up for 20 hours a day in a cell between a murderer and a suspected leper for weeks and had been locked up during air raids you would not feel at your best."

Referring to other men who have been detained under the Defence Regulations, Captain Ramsay stated: "You have men, many of them known to me, who have been kept in prison for three months without any charge being made against them."

Many of them, he said, have been put in cells which have not been in use for 20 years.

The Captain also claimed that his detention was a breach of privilege, because it meant that his constituents "at a time of the greatest need of their lives" were prevented from communicating with him.

## JAPANESE RAID ON KWANGSI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE ARMY AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 28 (Domel).

Japanese Army air units to-day carried out surprise raids on Lungchow, Mingkung, and other Chinese military bases in Kwangsi Province.

Attacking Lungchow, the raiders machine-gunned about 300 Chinese troops and also set on fire five gasoline storages.

Another formation visiting Mingkung and other bases adjacent to the French Indo-China border scored hits on important military objectives.

All Japanese planes safely returned to their base.

## Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Shipping losses due to enemy action during the past week ending at midnight on January 19 were five British ships of 34,772 tons and six Allied ships of 34,772 tons.

This is the first time in more than a fortnight that there has been other than British losses. For the week under review, the Germans claimed they sunk 41,000 tons of shipping.

## King Visits Fighter And Bomber Squadrons

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The King, who is one of the busiest men in the war effort in Britain, to-day had a long talk with Air Marshal W. Siskto Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighter Command, about night fighters and the difficulties of intercepting enemy bombers at night.

His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen.

The King talked to a young Squadron Leader commander of one of the crack night fighter squadrons, who told him, "I think we may be more successful in future, sir."

All this happened in a pilot's rest room at an R.A.F. fighter station after a two-days tour during which His Majesty visited five aerodromes in the R.A.F. Bomber and Fighter Commands.

## Mrs R. Carroll

A Solemn Requiem Mass in memory of late Mrs. R. Carroll will be observed at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday.

## "SIAMESE" TWINS

"Siamese" twins have been born to the wife of a Spanish fisherman in a village near Alicante. The twins, who are joined from their neck to their loes, are expected to survive.

## "Snap"

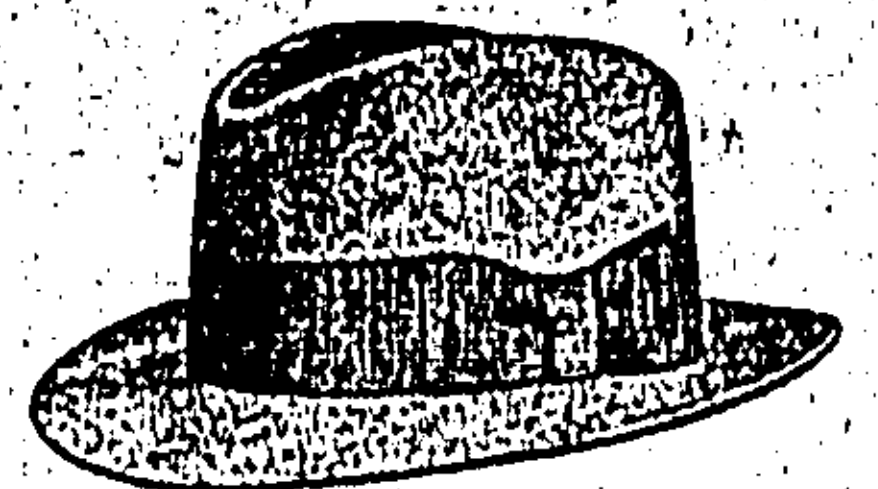
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## Growing Anti-Fascist Movement In Spain

SPANISH Conservatives have asked their Republican opponents of the Civil War to join an anti-Fascist movement, the purpose of which is to checkmate Germany's efforts to drag Spain into the war against Britain, says the "New York Post."

The "Post," which mentions "informed quarters in Washington" as its source of information, states that the Conservatives began negotiations with Republican exiles in October.

A draft platform was subsequently prepared by the Conservatives and moderate Republicans, who styled their organisation the "National Union."

They aim to eliminate from Spain political parties under foreign domination—specifically the Falangists (Fascists) and Communists—and also to establish friendly relations with all foreign Governments except the Axis Powers and Russia.

The British and American Governments, says the "Post," have been approached unofficially and asked whether they considered any points in the programme objectionable.

**Prominent Supporters**  
Conservative sponsors of the movement include the Marquis de Castellon and Senor Sanduquela (formerly Consul-General in New York). The Republicans include Salvador de Madariaga (former envoy to U.S.), Juan Negrin (ex-Premier, now in England), and Indalecio Prieto (former Defence Minister, under Premier Caballero).

The National Union stresses the fact that it opposes Fascism, but not General Franco.

It proposes to establish a Provisional Government directly obtaining a foothold on Spanish soil after which it would call Parliament together to decide whether the Government should be Monarchical or Republican.

**Monarchist Manifesto**  
The Monarchists have surreptitiously issued a manifesto in Madrid accusing Italy and Germany of deceiving Spain.

The manifesto also declares that Russia and Germany combined their respective interventions in the Spanish war in perfect accord, for their own ends.

Spain, adds the manifesto, owes Italy and Germany no gratitude, but rather contempt and hatred, because they unscrupulously used Spain as a

## The Postmistress Betted

Betting with Post Office money brought Mrs. Sarah Redford Bradbury, 52, into the dock at Derby Assizes.

She pleaded guilty to charges of theft, fraudulent conversion and falsification of accounts while acting as sub-postmistress at New Mills and was sentenced to three years' penal servitude.

Mrs. Bradbury was alleged to have stolen £1,000 and converted upwards of £700.

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# "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

## H.K.C.C. Win By 6 Wickets

### R. H. Griffiths Scores 81 Not Out: Century First Wicket Partnership

(By "R. Abbit")

SECOND DAY'S PLAY in the Hongkong C.C.-Kowloon C.C. two-day match opened yesterday morning with the H.K.C.C. 28 runs behind and with three wickets to go. The innings closed at 178, and in reply to K.C.C.'s second innings' score of 148, the Club won by 6 wickets but went on to score 201 for 6 wickets.

### Kowloon C.C. Defeated

The game started surprisingly punctually at 11.04. It was misty but the sun was trying to break through all the time—it was bright sunshine on the south side of the Peak, and it was clear that there had been heavy dew. Sawdust was called for at once.

Zimmern and Lloyd bowled—the latter with donkey drops that Bosanquet treated with exaggerated respect, instead of banging them to or over the fence, and that brought the inevitable result.

In trying to smother a half-volley, he lifted his foot and was stumped—possibly run out as rumour has it that he hit the ball.

Parsons came in and allowed his first ball, a full toss on the leg stump, to drop on to his pad without any intervention. Griffiths hit Baker came in, nautiful 4's to leg, but failed to bag the bowling, and Baker, after surviving seven balls from Lloyd was bowled, 178-10-4.

Griffiths was 81 not out and had had luck in not getting people to stay with him. The Club were seven runs behind and should have been at least 20 on. I noticed that when Lloyd bowled to Baker, who is not afraid of hurting the ball, he cut out the donkey drops and speeded up. He bowled Baker with a beauty.

#### Kowloon Bat

K.C.C. started as usual, and the Club bowled Baker and Perry. The batsmen started cautiously and the only excitement early on was a nice hook by Anderson off a long hop from Baker and a square cut by Hung off Perry.

After five overs it seemed that Baker and Perry were not bowling so well as the day before. Possibly the wicket did not suit them so well. However, at 11, Baker got Anderson l.b.w. (11-1-5) and four balls later bowled Ernie Fincher neat and crisp (11-2-0).

A disastrous over for the K.C.C.

#### Rot Sets In

PERRY seemed dead off and Ernie Zimmern and Hung seemed to have no difficulty in playing him and took 11 off the 4th over. Things seemed settling down.

Alec Pearce relieved Perry and bowled big off turners, and at 27 Ernie Zimmern was run out in a foolish attempt to get a second run from one he had put behind square leg. Perry threw in well and Grose had the balls off in a flash, 27-3-10.

In Pearce's next over he got Hung to mistime one and caught and bowled him, 30-4-14.

Knight relieved Baker and after a shaky first over all but bowled Archie Zimmern—the ball went for 4 byes, the first thing that Grose had let—and next ball had him caught at the wicket, 35-5-1.

Things had followed the course of the first innings remarkably closely so far and it remained to see if the same pair—Mackay and Teddy Fincher—could pull the game round a second time.

#### Runs Come Fast

It looked likely. Pearce seemed to present no difficulties and Knight was all over the place with his length, and the batsmen did what they liked with him. Fincher also seemed partial to Alec Pearce and I could not understand why he did not move one of his two short legs, who got nothing to do, to deep long off where Fincher had two big 4's in one over.

Later on, Fincher was dropped by Baker at mid-off. Had he stepped in to the catch he might have caught it but he let it arrive too high. Still, to put him at mid-off with the bowling Pearce was sending down was a major tactical error.

Another error, it seemed to me, was not giving Baker and Perry another spell before lunch. Instead, Owen Hughes and John Pearce went on and at 89 lunch was taken.

#### A Catastrophic Over

AFTER lunch, Fincher and Mackay seemed to be settling down against Alec Pearce and Baker, but after 17 runs had been added, the latter batsman opened out at Pearce and was finely caught on the boundary at deep mid-wicket by Griffiths, who judged the catch beautifully, 107-8-25.

The batsmen had crossed and Teddy Fincher drove the next one

back to Alec Pearce who took it easily. I suspect he had been after the c. & b. for some time, 107-7-45.

A gallant hard innings. Robert Lee saved the hat-trick, but was caught off the next ball at silly mid-off, Broadbridge came in and completed his pair of specs off the last ball of the over, 107-9-0.

Four wickets in a maiden over! An amazing change.

#### Last Wicket Stand

F. R. ZIMMERN and Lloyd refused to be perturbed and hit merrily. The latter took 10 in one over off Baker who seemed tired. Runs came apparently at will.

After 40 runs had been added, Ride went on for Alec Pearce. It worked. Zimmern lashed out and Baker, running back at mid-on (his place) made a very nice catch to atone for his previous 20 cents, 148-1-21.

Lloyd carried his bat for a stalwart 20 runs. The last wicket added 41 runs in 21 minutes, and the Club were left with 156 to get. It gave the K.C.C. a sporting chance to win. Club had 2½ hours to get the runs, supposing that stumps were to be drawn at 5.30 p.m.

#### The Final Spam

PEARCE altered his order, and sent in Owen Hughes and Knight, who was dropped at first slip in F. R. Zimmern's first over. The batsmen ran keenly and the score mounted.

At 38, R. E. Lee relieved (Joke) Zimmern, and 12 came off his first over. In Lloyd's next he should have c. & b. Knight but it was a low and short chance.

Fifty went up, and soon after, with three 4's to leg, Knight completed his 50—70 being bowled at the same time.

Anderson went on for Lloyd. Knight hit merrily—he had most of the bowling—and the century was hoisted in 49 minutes.

At 114, Knight who had been hitting very hard, hit his wicket in pulling Anderson. He had been not to it several times before, 114-1-70. A fine forcing knock.

#### Carrying On

ALEC PEARCE came in and survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. from Zimmern. At 119 Owen Hughes was l.b.w. to Lloyd precisely as he had been in the first innings—trying to sweep a pitched-up ball on the leg stump to square leg. His 44 was an excellent and chasteless innings, 119-2-44.

After this, for some time, the batsmen played dull cricket, though I cannot believe that the bowling was any better than when Owen Hughes and Knight had laid on to it so heartily. The new men played the dull goose game that had put the bowlers' tails up and lost so many wickets in the first innings.

At last Alec Pearce let go and hit Lloyd out of the ground to long on. Next ball he very nearly did the same, but Ernie Fincher intercepted it! 140-3-18.

Griffiths came in and evidently was not minded to dally. He hit his third ball for a big two to extra cover—his fourth for a big 4 to square leg. An on drive went for 4 and then he failed to get his bat out of the way of a bumper on the off, and was out for 10 scored in seven balls, 150-4-10.

Grose came in and saved his pair with a single in the gully. Next over Perry won the game with a 4 to long leg off Lloyd—a 6 wickets victory.

#### Anti-Climax

AFTER such a good game, it was something of an anti-climax to play on. Perry was 11 and Grose 8 when the game really finished. They hit about, and both Grose and Ride got out.

#### Summary

IT was a queer match. At one time the Club bowlers were all on top of the K.C.C. and at others they looked like children. I heard it said that it was a curious co-incidence that

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB				
First Innings				
D. J. N. Anderson, l.b.w. b Baker	5	0	0	0
D. Hung, c and b T. A. Pearce	10	0	0	0
E. F. Fincher, b Baker	10	0	0	0
F. R. Zimmern, run out	23	0	0	0
N. A. E. Mackay, c Griffiths b T. A. Pearce	23	0	0	0
A. Zimmern, c Grose b Knight	21	0	0	0
E. C. Fincher, c and b T. A. Pearce	21	0	0	0
F. R. Zimmern, c Baker b Lloyd	21	0	0	0
R. E. Lee, c Owen-Hughes b T. A. Pearce	0	0	0	0
R. T. Broadbridge, c Grose b Lloyd	0	0	0	0
N. D. Lloyd, not out	29	0	0	0
Extras	2	0	0	0
Total	148			

Bowling Analysis				
Baker	10	M.	R.	W.
Perry	4	1	17	2
T. A. Pearce	5	1	24	18
Knight	5	1	31	1
Owen-Hughes	1	1	1	1
L. C. Pearce	3	1	1	1
Ride	3	1	1	1

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB				
First Innings				
T. G. C. Knight, c and b Lloyd	5	0	0	0
G. C. F. Grose, b Zimmern	17	0	0	0
T. A. Pearce, c Lloyd b Zimmern	23	0	0	0
H. Owen-Hughes, l.b.w. b Lloyd	23	0	0	0
L. T. Ride, b Zimmern	9	0	0	0
R. H. Griffiths, not out	10	0	0	0
R. E. Lee, b Zimmern	11	0	0	0
J. L. C. Pearce, b Zimmern	11	0	0	0
D. I. Bosanquet, c A. Zimmern b Lloyd	11	0	0	0
D. O. Parsons, l.b.w. b Lloyd	0	0	0	0
F. Baker, b Lloyd	11	0	0	0
Extras	11	0	0	0
Total	178			

F. Baker, b Lloyd .....					
Extras .....					
Total .....					1
Bowling Analysis					
	O.	M.	R.		
F. R. Zimmern .....	18	1	52		
Lloyd .....	18	4	82		
			12		

Second Innings				
H. Owen-Hughes, l.b.w. b Lloyd	44	0	0	0
T. G. C. Knight, hit wicket, b Lloyd	70	0	0	0
E. F. Fincher, c and b Lloyd	30	0	0	0
A. E. Perry, not out	30	0	0	0
R. H. Griffiths, c Lloyd b Zimmern	10	0	0	0
D. G. C. Grose, b Lloyd	26	0	0	0
Zimmern	26	0	0	0
L. T. Ride, c Anderson b Fincher	1	0	0	0
Extras	20	0	0	0
Six wickets for	201			

Six wickets for .....				
J. L. C. Pearce, D. I. Boganquet, D. Parsons, F. Baker did not bat.				
Bowling Analysis				
F. R. Zimmern .....	O.	M.	R.	
Lloyd .....	12	-	77	
Lee .....	9	-	42	
Anderson .....	2	-	26	
.....	1	-	29	

## Home Soccer Fixtures For February 1

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for the coming Saturday, February 1:

#### LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Fulham v. Brentford; Queens Park Rangers v. Clapton; Arsenal; Millwall v. Reading; Tottenham v. West Ham.

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

Brighton v. Bournemouth; Portsmouth v. Watford; Southampton v. Southampton.

#### MIDLAND CUP

Leicester v. Notts F.; Lincoln v. Mansfield; Northampton v. Luton; West Brom. v. Walsall.

#### LEAGUE WAR CUP

Preliminary Round: Bradford C. v. Bolton; Southport v. Crewe; Stockport v. Blackpool; York v. Sheffield W.

#### NORTH REGIONAL

Burnley v. Blackburn; Bury v. Sheffield U.; Chesterfield v. Hull; Everton v. Barnsley; Grimsby v. Bradford; Manchester C. v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Middlesbrough; Rotherham v. Doncaster.

In each innings Mackay and Fincher made a stand when 5 wickets had fallen so cheaply. I think there is a logical reason for it.

There were only two good bowlers on the Club side—Baker and Perry—and the two K.C.C. men came in when the edge was coming off their trundling. They played very well and put them off and took tea with the rather poor change-bowling.

But for Alec Pearce's blizzards over (when the Club caught four catches in 11) I fancy there might have been much more trouble for the Club.

An enjoyable game and I have not said anything rude enough to mulet me for the Bomber Fund.

## A. A. GUNNERS BEAT NAVY "A" 11-8 AT RUGBY

GUNNERS of the 5th A.A. Regiment were successful against Navy "A" in a rugby match at Causeway Bay yesterday winning by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to 8 (a goal and a try). Both sides played only 14 men—Taverner, of the Army, taking over the centre berth for Navy.

Wild passing made the game somewhat scrappy. It was featured by speedy runs by Baker, who scored all three tries for the Ack-Acks, and fine handling and distribution by Carter, Navy fly-half. Page and Heath were outstanding in the military pack.

Baker scored his first try when he intercepted Carter's punt ahead and ran strongly and touched down in the corner. This was followed by the second try for the Gunners, after Fairclough had made an opening. Easterbrook majorised with a fine kick, to give the military XV an 8-0 lead at the interval.

**Second Half**  
NAVY secured first points when Hughes forced down following a scramble on the line. The effort was converted. The Navy drew level when Carter broke through and passed to Gracie who touched down for an unconverted try on the right.

Carter nearly put Navy in the lead, but Army rallied and followed in an opening by Page, Baker touched down for the third and last try to win the match.

The teams were:  
5th A.A. Regiment—Fairclough, Baker, Giblin, Clarke, Sullivan, Easterbrook, Dobson, Clarke, Sullivan, Evans, Mew, Heath, Page, Moore.

Navy—Clarke, Gracie, Wilson, Taverner, Bowden, Carter, Gallagher, Stockham, Palmer, Hughes, Dobson, Mitchell, Grangie, Flynn.

## Hockey Trial

Seventeen Chosen For Interport

Following yesterday morning's trial, the following 17 players were selected by the Interport Selection Committee, the actual team to meet Macao to be announced later:  
V. M. Bonwell (Club) (goal); V. C. Beard (Club); J. B. Gonsalves (Punjab); and Capt. Kampa-Prasad (Punjab) (full-backs); R. Marques (Recrolo), M. H. Hassan (Khalisa), Capt. H. Wood (Rajputana Rifles), V. A. Reed (Club); N. B. Whitley (Club) and A. M. Alves (Recrolo) (half-backs); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.), Lieut. J. E. Ross (Punjab), Gurbachan Singh (Khalisa), E. F. Buead (Khalisa), J. Parker (Police), H. L. Ozorio (Recrolo) and W. Brown (Police) (forwards).

It is hoped to arrange a match against the Indian Army team next Saturday.

## Quadrangular Match

First matches in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament (formerly Triangular) will take place next week when Club will meet the Indian Army on the Club ground, on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m. and the Navy on the Club ground on Friday, at the same time.

With the exception of Hazard in the pivotal position, the Navy halves were their weak link. Both wing halves were weak and unable to master the intricacies of the Chinese forwards. Honeywell was a hard worker, Robinson as usual displayed his fine form as a keeper and saved several certain goals.

The forward line was very loose, and although positional changes were made in the course of the game, little effect was seen. Honeywell was the best of the forwards, working often on his own, and found little support from his other men. With the exception of Le Page, the other forwards were weak, although Hendy tried to instill life into them when he took over the attack.

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## SOUTH CHINA OUT-PLAY NAVY AT SOOKUNPOO

### 3-1 Victory In Kotewall Cup Match

#### "Hat-trick" For Lee Wai-tong

(By "SCRAMBLER")

IN A DULL GAME in which they were outplayed and outmanoeuvred, Navy lost to South China yesterday at Sookunpoo by three goals to one in their Kotewall Cup encounter. The victors were at no time seriously challenged and indulged in some clever football.

The Navy team as a whole was ragged and disjointed. The inclusion of three new men in their line up did not in the least help matters. As it was, Williams, playing at left half, was unable to do much against the fast combination of Chan Tak-fai and Lee Tak-kee.

There was a very good understanding in the Chinese team right from the start which was not so with the losers. Their defence were at no time challenged, hence Tam Kwan-hon had very little to do, and what came his way, he cleared well.

Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung lent excellent aid to their front men, and never once relaxed their grip on their adversaries. The immediate lines was South China's mainstay. Their superiority in this department paved the way to their success.

Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Lau Chung-sang played well as a combination in the half back line. Their mastery in midfield had the Navy forwards in knots. They found ample time in going to the help of their forwards, with the result that the ball was continually being pushed up to the Navy half.

As a leader, Lee Wai-tong led his men well. He distributed the ball with precision to his wingmen, and all in all, he was the brains of the attack. His aides, Chan Tak-fai and Chow Man-chi, were not found to be wanting and gave every support. Chow Man-chi in particular was seen to good advantage even in defence.

Both wingers, Lee Tak-kee and Lee Shek-yau were fast with their runs down the field, and centred across many good passes. The former tested Robinson on several occasions with first time shots.

After this, the Navy made several positional changes but were still unable to settle down. They had several abortive spasmodic raids and always found the Chinese defenders the better in their tussles.

**Second Half**  
AFTER the changeover, South China indulged in some pretty combination—which had—the Navy defenders on tenterhooks. Lee Wai-tong's efforts in trying to break through on his own were frustrated by Roughley.

In one of their raids on the Chinese goal, Lam Tak-po fouled Le Page and Hendy scored from the "spot-kick" to reduce the lead. This was short lived for South China immediately went back to the attack, and following a bout of short passing, Lee Wai-tong scored from close in to complete his "hat-trick."

From this period onwards, all interest was lost in the game due to the one-sided play although the Navy made several attempts at getting goal.

South China: Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan; Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi, Lee Shek-yau.

Navy: Robinson; Roughley; O'Regan; Honeywell; Hazard; Williams; Le Page, Hendy, Honeywell, Chapman, Birch.

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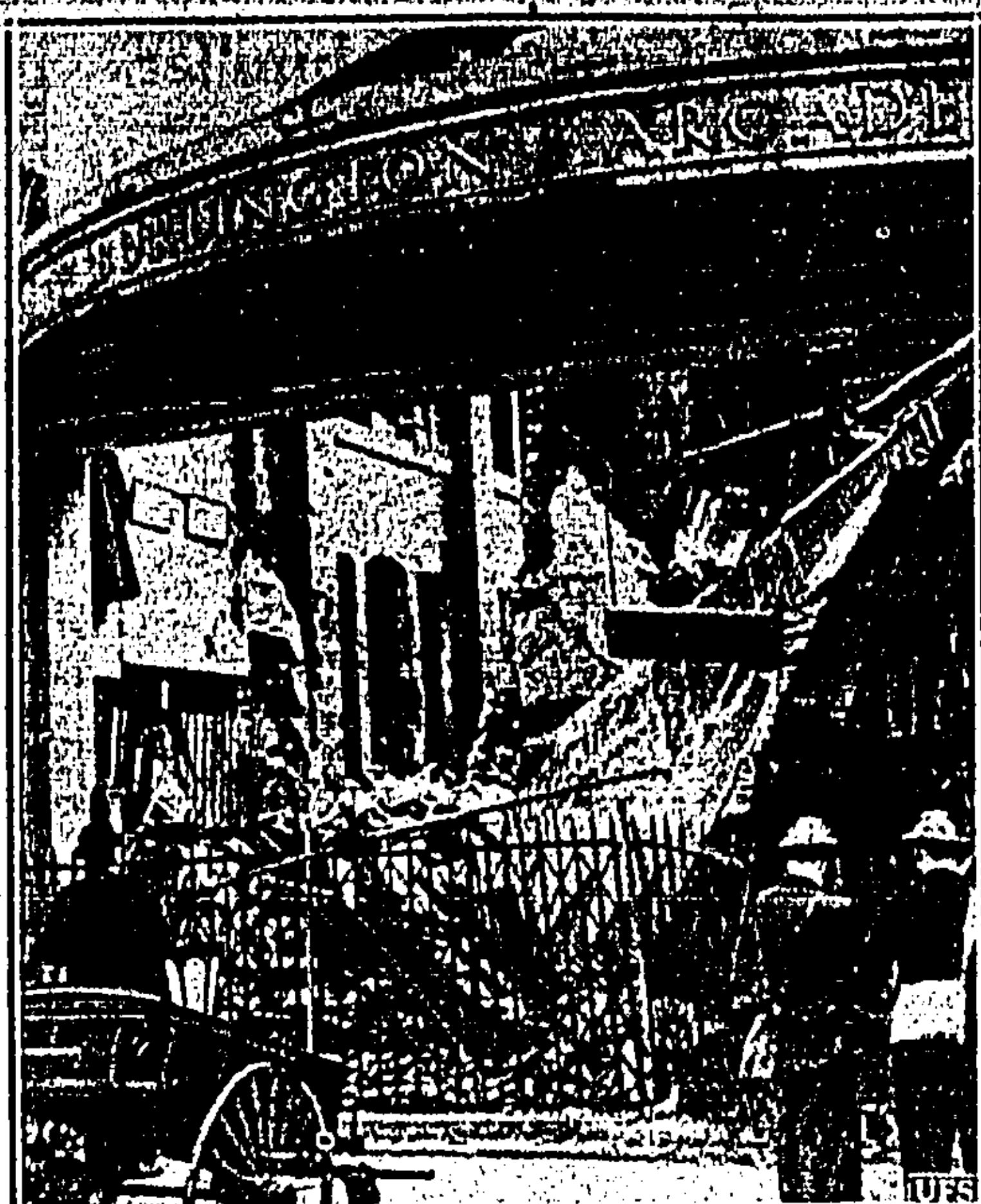
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SHOPPING SPOILED—No shopping to-day for London women in famous Burlington Arcade, London. Hitler's airman caused this damage.

## LONDON CABBIES PROTEST

Living Affected By Free Lifts

London taxicab drivers who are finding it hard to make ends meet now that the capital's life shuts down with the black-out, are incensed at the Ministry of Transport's "Help Your Neighbour" scheme.

Under this plan, motorists living within 20 miles of London who travel to the capital daily are asked to give lifts to others who have the same journey to make; for this they will get extra petrol.

"For months now a new army of hitch-hikers have been standing about the kerbsides asking motorists for lifts," a taxi-driver said.

"If they get a lift, well and good; if they don't they take a taxi. Unfortunately for us, motorists nearly always stop for the hitch-hikers, many of whom could afford to take taxis and used to do so."

**May Mean Ruin**  
Taxicab owners on the outskirts of London are also upset at "this latest whim" of the Ministry of Transport, as they call it, to help all and sundry to ride to their places of business in private cars.

"This is going to cut out the hiring of cabs by people who can well afford to do so," one cab-owner said. "For small one-cab owners like myself it may well mean ruin."

"Angrit from that there will be terrible congestion if all cars that have been laid up except at weekends come back on to the road."

**Saving Fares**  
People living in small towns 25 miles out of London told of men and women who, instead of buying a train ticket, caddy lifts and boast that they are saving all fares.

At the A.A. and T.A.C. offices yesterday motorists willing to take part in the "Help Your Neighbour" scheme were being attended to at the rate of 250 an hour.

Some admitted that their cars had not been licensed until that morning.

## Slackers In Slacks

Attack is made by the "Daily Mail" on "good-time girls or 'slackers in slacks' who, lazing in safe sanctuaries on the Upper Thames, Berkshire, Devon, the Lake Country or North Wales, are deaf to insistent appeals for another 500,000 women to take up light war work."

The "Daily Mail" admits that inertia is not general, but that any should exist is "deplorable." "They have swapped bomb risks in 'blitz' zones for the ease of fashionable towns, glossing over their un-worthiness by attending charity, cocktail and bridge parties," the newspaper adds.

**Shamed by Shopgirls**

"They are shamed by local shopgirls who give their evenings to the A.R.P. and other war duties. "South-west resorts taunt newcomers with 'Overalls, not slacks! Go to it or get out!'"

"An atmosphere of open contempt has grown up in west country towns, where there are more bridge parties and more women golfers than before the war."

## GERMANS POUR INTO ITALY

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Italian Foreign Office officials, mostly belonging to the aristocratic and military families suspected of having only lukewarm sympathy for the Fascist regime. They accepted invitations from various members of the foreign diplomatic corps and never re-appeared, and when enquiries were made, the answer invariably was that they had left suddenly for an unknown destination.

**Restoration of Monarchy**  
There is reported to be a growing element among the Italian aristocracy which advocates the restoration of the monarchy to power and the overthrow of the Fascists. Mussolini's fear of the influence this element might have on the army is said to lie behind the hurried despatch of German troops.

The report concludes, however, that it would be over-optimistic to look for a real anti-Fascist revolt at present.

**Tricite Demonstrators**  
BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (Reuters).—Fascist forces have had to fire on demonstrators in Trieste, according to people arriving here from Italy today.

Their accounts follow reports of rioting in Milan and Turin. A number of casualties are said to have been caused at Trieste among the demonstrators who shouted slogans demanding peace and condemning the Fascist regime and denouncing Germany.

Similar demonstrations are reported from many smaller towns in the Po Valley, where public unrest is finding expression despite severe measures by Fascists and the Gestapo.

**U.S. Reports Anger Fascists**

ROME, Jan. 28 (UPI).—Mass demonstrations against American reports of disorders in cities in northern Italy were held at Milan, Turin and Verona today.

At Milan, 25,000 Fascists in front of the Fascist headquarters shouted, "Viva Axis! Viva Mussolini! Viva Hitler" and there were catcalls and booing which greeted the cries of "Where is the American correspondent covering this demonstration?"

At Turin, 15,000 people gathered in front of the Fascist headquarters cheering Mussolini and Hitler. The Federal Secretary, Pietro Gazzotti, read a denunciation of the American Agency's distribution of the riot reports from the balcony of the building.

Similar demonstrations of protests were made at Verona.

## The Fleet Versus Warplanes

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sea, the spokesman contended that in the Skua, Britain had the finest dive-bomber in the world. Skua aircraft sank a German cruiser of the Koenigsberg class at Bergen in April last year, thus achieving the first known success of a major naval unit in history in naval warfare. Of 16 bombs dropped, three found their mark, which demonstrated the accuracy of the bombing against intense anti-aircraft fire.

**Deadly Torpedo**

Britain recognised that dive-bombing might in time become too expensive and the Admiralty had put its faith in the torpedo as naval aircraft's primary weapon for two decades. The torpedo was more deadly than the bomb as it went for the most vulnerable part of a warship—below the waterline.

Maintenance of this policy had provided a notable success against the Italians, though it had not been attributed to the Fleet Air Arm. The attack was carried out in daylight and there were no British casualties. Two Italian submarines, a depot ship and a gunboat went to the bottom.

The essential characteristic of torpedo-carrying aircraft was manoeuvrability and in this respect the Swordfish and Albacore types were supreme anywhere in the world.

**Warship Sunk At Bomba**

I understand that the Fleet Air Arm's achievement refers to a bold official announcement of an attack made on August 22. Warships were lying in the Bomba roadstead in Libya. One torpedo sank a submarine which was at anchor. Three other warships were lying alongside each other. A second submarine and a gunboat were on the outside and a depot ship in the middle. Two remaining torpedoes crashed into the submarine and gunboat, and as a result of the explosion, the depot ship also caught fire and sunk.

## Morgenthau Wants Aid To Britain

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capacity was available for orders if they could not be placed.

**Condition of Fighting**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuters).—"If this Bill does not pass Congress, the British cannot continue to fight," Morgenthau told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The decision rests with Congress whether Britain, Greece and China are to continue to fight."

Mr Morgenthau testified that British citizens had arranged to sell, within 12 months, every bit of property they owned in the United States to finance war contracts.

Morgenthau referred to the depletion of Britain's gold and other assets in the United States and said that he had mentally written off some time ago Britain's debt to the United States arising from the Great War.

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1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Variety.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Excerpts from Act II of Mozart's "The Magic Flute."

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Sydney Giscard at the Organ.

7.42 Hawaiian Selections.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 A Programme of English Composers.

8.30 Studio—"British Prose Writers" No. 1: Bunyan.

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8.50 Three Songs by Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone).

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9.00 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Democracy Marches."

9.45 Grieg—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16.

William Backhaus (Piano) and The New Symphony Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.

10.15 Songs by Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano).

Laughing and Weeping, Op. 59, No. 4 (Schubert); My Love Is Green, Op. 63, No. 5 (Schumann-Brahms); The Trout, Op. 32 (Schubert); A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2 (Brahms); Henzen-Grigs (arr. Liszt); Accompaniment by Edwin McArthur.

10.23 Compositions of Dvorak.

11.00 Close down.

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Vaccination  
Offence

## Doctor Fined \$100

Dr Chiu Hui-yeung of No. 43 Connaught Road Central, and his assistant, Miss Lam Yin-ching, were summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning in connection with the unlawful vaccination of Lai Shing and Ho Sau, two Chinese detectives, and the unlawful issue of certificates of vaccination to them.

Sub-Inspector C. H. Goodwin said that, acting on information, the two detectives were sent to the doctor's office with instructions to have themselves vaccinated and to obtain certificates. The doctor was not there but the lady assistant, Miss Lam, who was not a registered medical practitioner, vaccinated both the men and a male assistant filled in the particulars on two blank certificates which had previously been signed by the doctor.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo for the defence, pleaded guilty to all four summonses. He said that Dr Chiu had been in practice for over 30 years with an unblemished record. His client had been commended by the Government for the good work he had done in vaccinating people during the small-pox epidemic of 1916-17. The lady assistant to whom he had entrusted the work was very capable, having had five years experience in vaccinating and the prosecution would agree that in the two cases in question the vaccinations were very efficiently done. She had done thousands of cases. Vaccination was not like inoculation which required special medical knowledge.

**Efficient Assistant**  
The Hon. Mr. Lo conceded that the law had been broken but argued that the public had not suffered. He said that he had had a long chat with the doctor and the latter felt firmly that he had done nothing irregular in permitting Miss Lam to vaccinate. She was as efficient as any registered vaccinator, although she was not registered.

Sub-Inspector Goodwin said that the doctor's male assistant had applied for registration as a vaccinator but that no such application had been received from Miss Lam. He recalled the previous case on January 6 when Dr Y. S. Chan and his assistant were fined for the same offence and pressed for a severe sentence.

Dr Chiu was fined \$100 on all counts and his assistant was let off with a caution.

## Bose Still Missing

CALCUTTA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The mystery of Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance continues. His relatives describe his disappearance as a sudden religious impulse.

## Submarine Lost

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the British submarine Triton is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed.

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To Australian Society

Greetings from St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong, as well as from Sir Harry Lauder, St. Andrew's Society of Edinburgh, Singapore Caledonian Society, the Bangalore (India) Caledonian Society and others were received by the Highland Society of New South Wales on its 73rd New Year's Day gathering at the Kyeemagh polo grounds, Brighton, Australia, according to a report in the "Sydney Morning Herald."

Despite difficulty of access and light rain, over 5,000 Scots by birth or by descent were attracted to the grounds for the occasion. In an address of welcome to visiting pipe bands and others, the President of the Highland Society, Captain J. R. Patrick, R.N., said that in Australia the tradition of the homeland was being maintained.

**Amusing Parody**  
The Scots had done much for the British Empire, and, consequently, he thought the following lines applicable to present circumstances:

As long as Scotland stands,  
As long as there's a Scottish head,  
A brace of Scottish hands.

There'll always be an England,  
While Clyde breeds engineers,  
Wherever there's a kiln shank to  
Bother the English fears.

There'll always be an England,  
And there shall be a  
As long as Scottish brain and brawn  
Will guide her destiny.

## Passengers Safe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SEATTLE, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is understood that all passengers and members of the crew of the American transport, Ketchikan, which struck Sister's Rock, midway between Seattle and Ketchikan, are safe.

Moscow Mouthpiece On  
Finnish White Guards

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A reminder that they were living in a frontier republic and must strive unceasingly to strengthen the country's defences was uttered by M. Kuusinen, President of the Supreme Council of the Karelian-Finnish Soviet Republic, speaking at a meeting marking the anniversary of Lenin's death.

M. Kuusinen declared that Finnish White Guards, who are saying that they are striving to maintain friendly relations with the U.S.S.R., are actually imprisoning and beating up friends of the Soviet Union in Finland, and a Finnish Court recently decided to close the Society of Friendship with the Soviet Union on grounds that it was impeding Soviet-Finnish relations.

Swiss Rationing Increases As  
Nation Feels First War Pinch

By Henry P. McNulty

United Press Staff Correspondent

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 28 (UP).—Switzerland joined the growing list of European countries now spending their nights without lights on the day I arrived there. As I stepped off the train an air alarm sounded. With difficulty, in the dim half-light furnished by blue-painted bulbs, I found a porter and a taxi. The taxi's headlights, also shaded, allowed the merest slit of light to guide it—not nearly enough for the speed at which it travelled.

Pedestrians looked like blue-lit fireflies as they groped their way amongst hulking shadows of once brilliantly illuminated stores. The taxi pulled up in front of a darkened hotel whose aquamarine vestibule reminded me of some underground grotto. It was a very eerie trip.

The black-out, now effective nightly from ten o'clock on, is but one of many recent indications that Swiss peace is beginning to feel the pinch of war.

Up to the time of my arrival there had been only a few articles the Swiss could not buy. Coal and gasoline, butter and cream, were among the things already rationed. However, in the last few days more severe restrictions were placed on the quantity of butter each family is allowed, a temporary embargo was put on the sale of wool, cotton and linen goods. Shoes and soap were no longer to be sold without ration cards.

**Hot Bath Problem**  
One of the most noticeable things lacking in Switzerland is heat. Homes are allowed heat, but only a part of the normal amount. Almost all houses have double doors and windows which are not supposed to be opened even at night, so as to keep in what heat there is.

In most hotels and pensions there are certain days in the week when you can have hot water—usually Saturday and Sunday. If you are lucky enough to find a house with electric heating, hot water is no problem—otherwise the Saturday night bath is an old Swiss custom to which you must conform.

Hot food is unavailable before nine in the morning and after nine at night. For those who eat in restaurants, the restrictions on food are not as annoying as for people who eat at home. Cream, for instance, is easy to get in cafes, but at the housewife's counter, buy cream at a grocery store. Bread, which is brown, must be kept 48 hours before being sold. However, bakeries are full of delicacies weighing less than 100 grammes which can be sold fresh. Butter consumption at present is limited to about three quarters of a pound a month per person, but in restaurants you can get what you want.

**Rationing Of Goods**  
Rationing works hardships on the owners and employees of some stores. As you walk through Zurich, one store after another bears a sign saying, "temporarily closed due to rationing." Shoe stores are also closed up. Department stores in Zurich are playing their cards prominently, along with substitutes for woolen and cotton goods, and draw quite a clientele.

Many of the clothing stores were sold out in the buying rush before rationing became effective. In these stores there is now without business. There is still plenty to do. The government requires an inventory of their goods, and the buying surge disrupted them so much that several days were required to bring the premises back to normal. When rationing cards are issued, buying will again boom, and stores must prepare for the rush.

**Three Categories**  
There are three categories of ration cards—those for the poor, for the well-to-do, and for the in-between. The rich will have to buy expensive clothes, the in-betweeners medium-priced goods and the poor will only be allowed to get cheap things.

Announcement or advance leakage of the new bans caused a run on Swiss stores that amounted to near panic. Banks reported that many people withdrew their savings and bought what they could for hoarding. The result was an indignant reaction in the press which demanded that hoarders be punished and their homes searched.

Switzerland has a strict law prohibiting hoarding, with a punishment of \$7,000 fine or a year in jail. Gasoline is rationed according to the horsepower of its owner. I know a family of three which is limited to about eight gallons of gasoline per month, while in another case a young unmarried American, because of his job, is allowed 40 gallons.

**No Tourist Trade**  
The tourist trade, which used to be Switzerland's life-blood, now hardly exists. However, the Swiss still think in terms of spend-thrift tourists and the cost of living in Switzerland is accordingly high. Lodgings are very hard to find at reasonable prices, food is dear, taxis are more expensive than even in New York or Chicago.

Switzerland is a very clean country; the cities look as though they had just been washed. I had my feet up on the wooden seat of a third-class railway compartment when the conductor walked in, begged my pardon, and stuck a newspaper under my feet, explaining that the coach took a lot of dirt and was just ten years old, and should be taken care of.

There is a terrific temptation to throw a piece of paper on the spotless streets or in some way muss up the monotony of such universal cleanliness.

H. K. Stock  
Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

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Humphreys Sh. ..... 795 n.  
H.K. Realities s.x.d. ..... 385 n.  
Chinese Estates s.x.d. ..... 98 n.

## UTILITIES

Trams ..... 1840 n.  
Peak Trams (old) ..... 74 n.  
Peak Trams (new) ..... 64 n.  
Star Ferries ..... 244 n.  
Y. Ferris ..... 635 sa.  
China Lights (new) ..... 1974 n.  
H.K. Electric (old) ..... 4074 n.  
H.K. Electric (new) ..... 40 n.  
Macao Electric (old) ..... 1734 n.  
Macao Electric (new) ..... 1094 n.  
Sandakan Lights ..... 254 b.  
Telephones (old) ..... 1020 n.  
Telephones (new) ..... 1020 n.

## INDUSTRIALS

Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. s. 30 n.  
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. s. 25 n.  
Canton Ice s. ..... 1 n.  
Cements s. ..... 1020 n.  
H.K. Ropes s. ..... 833 n.  
Powell Ltd. s. ..... 100 n.

## COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. s. ..... 49 n.  
Shal Cotton Sh. s. ..... 205 n.

## MISC.

H.K. Govt 4 1/2% (1934) ..... 97 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934) ..... 92 1/2 n.  
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940) ..... 92 1/2 n.  
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 GSDs. 42/47 n.  
H.K. Entertainments ..... 7 b.  
Constructions (old) ..... 109 b.  
Constructions (new) ..... 770 n.  
Vibro Piling s. ..... 7/6 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (Lond.) s. ..... 7/6 n.  
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- ..... 2/0 n.

"STAR" FERRY  
REPORT

The "Star" Ferry Company, Limited report that, subject to audit, the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended December 31, 1940, is:—

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The amount brought forward from the year 1939 being ..... 45,642.00

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To carry forward ..... 22,913.02

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

## INWARD MAILS

Canton ..... Jan. 30.  
Sandakan ..... Jan. 30.  
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by sea from Singapore Jan. 30.

Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th January ..... Jan. 31.  
Calcutta and Straits ..... Jan. 31.  
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th January ..... Feb. 5.

Java and Manila ..... Feb. 5.  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January) ..... Feb. 8.  
United Kingdom and Straits Feb. 12.  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (San Francisco date 24th Jan.) ..... Feb. 14.

United Kingdom and Straits Feb. 15.

## OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 6 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When parcels are advertised to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29  
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, and Parcels only for United Kingdom

C. P. O. and K. P. O.  
Par. .... Jan. 29, 5.45 p.m.  
Reg. .... Jan. 30, 9.45 a.m.  
Ord. .... Jan. 30, 10.30 a.m.

Rangoon and Calcutta  
Parcels ..... Jan. 29, 5 p.m.  
Letters ..... Jan. 30, 7 p.m.

Rangoon and Calcutta  
Canton ..... Jan. 30, 7.00 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 31

Sandakan ..... 8.30 a.m.  
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O. & G.P.O.  
Reg. .... Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.  
Ord. .... Jan. 31, 11 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta  
Parcels ..... Jan. 31, 11.00 a.m.  
Letters ..... Jan. 31, Noon.

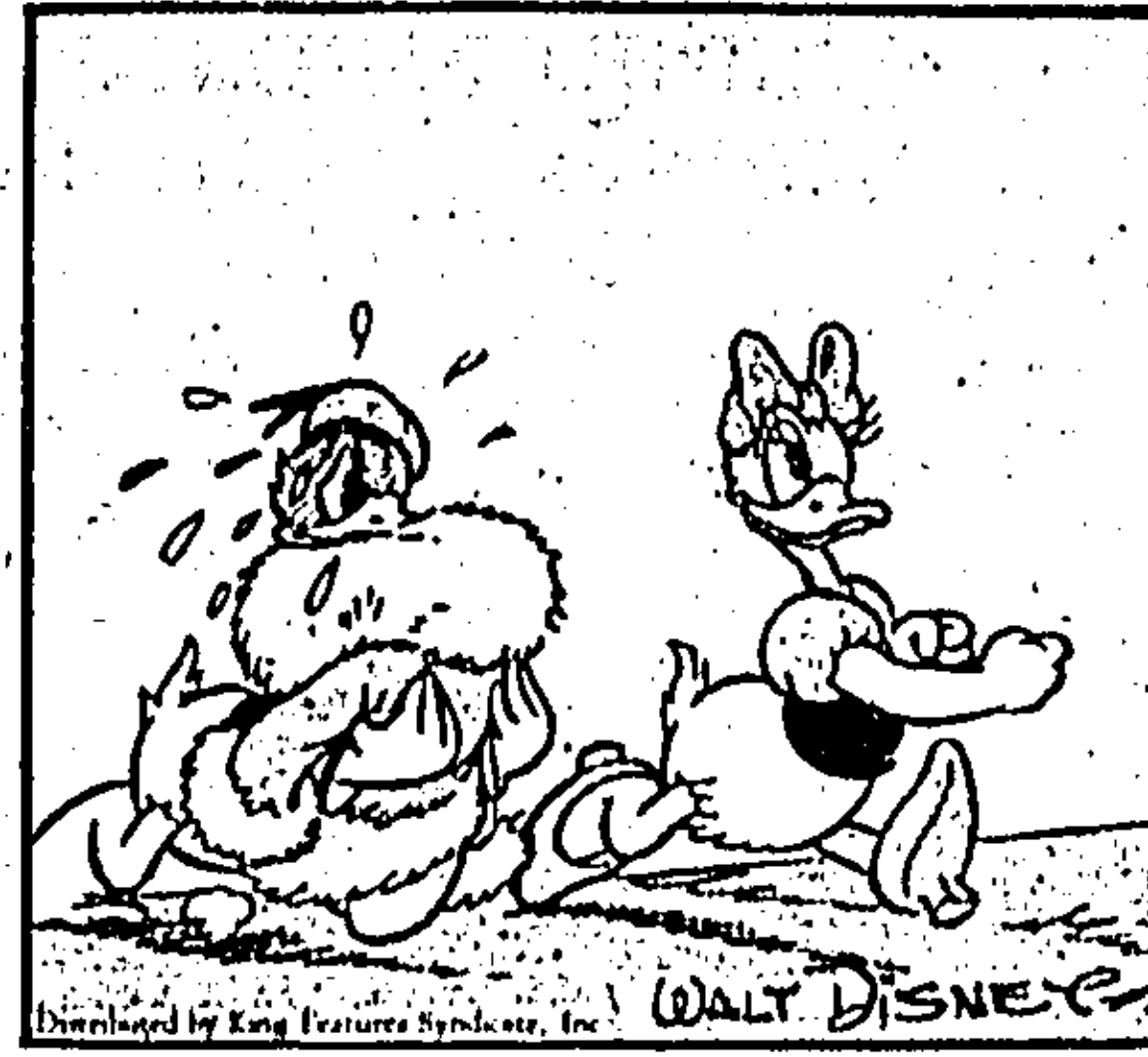
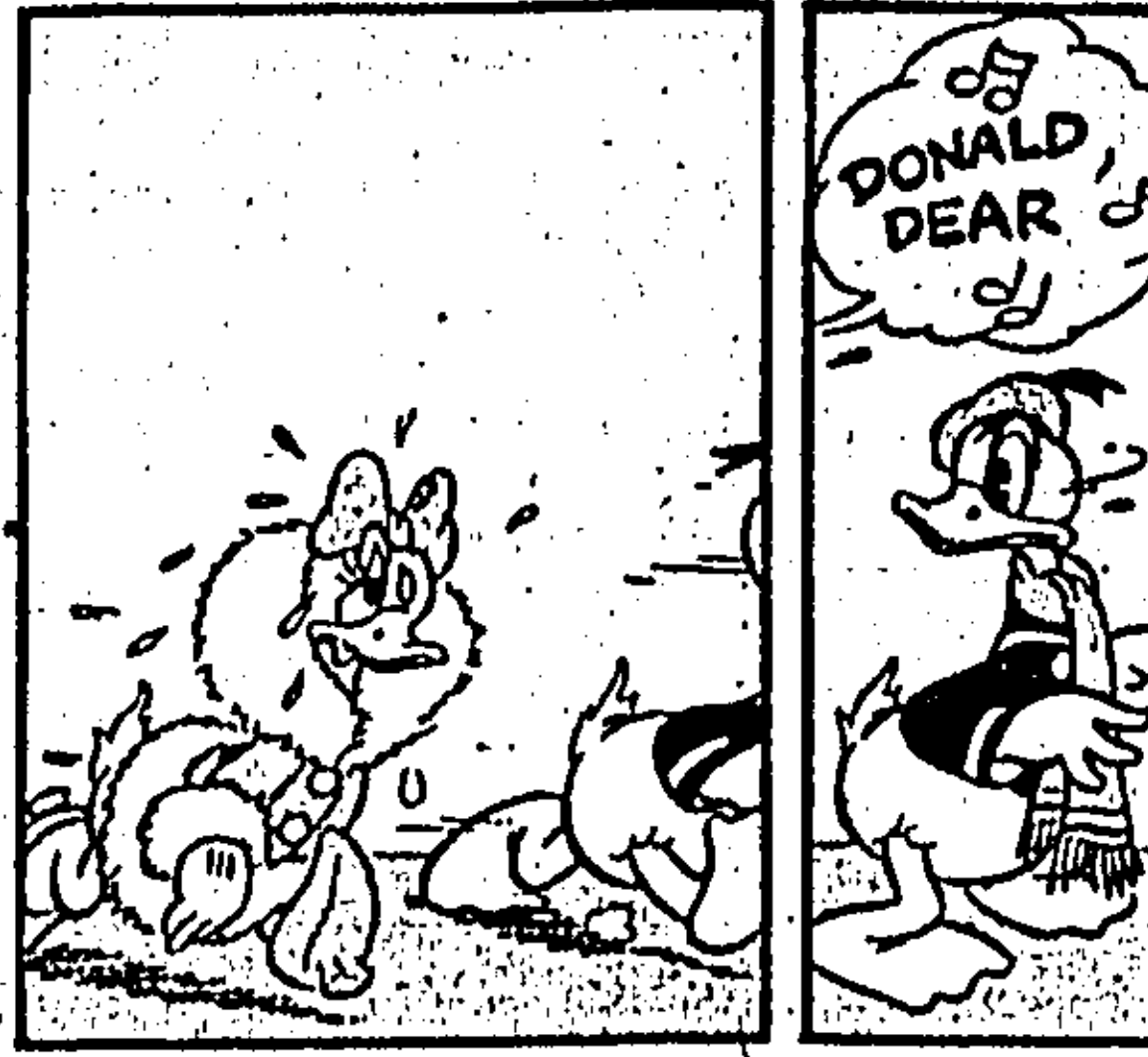
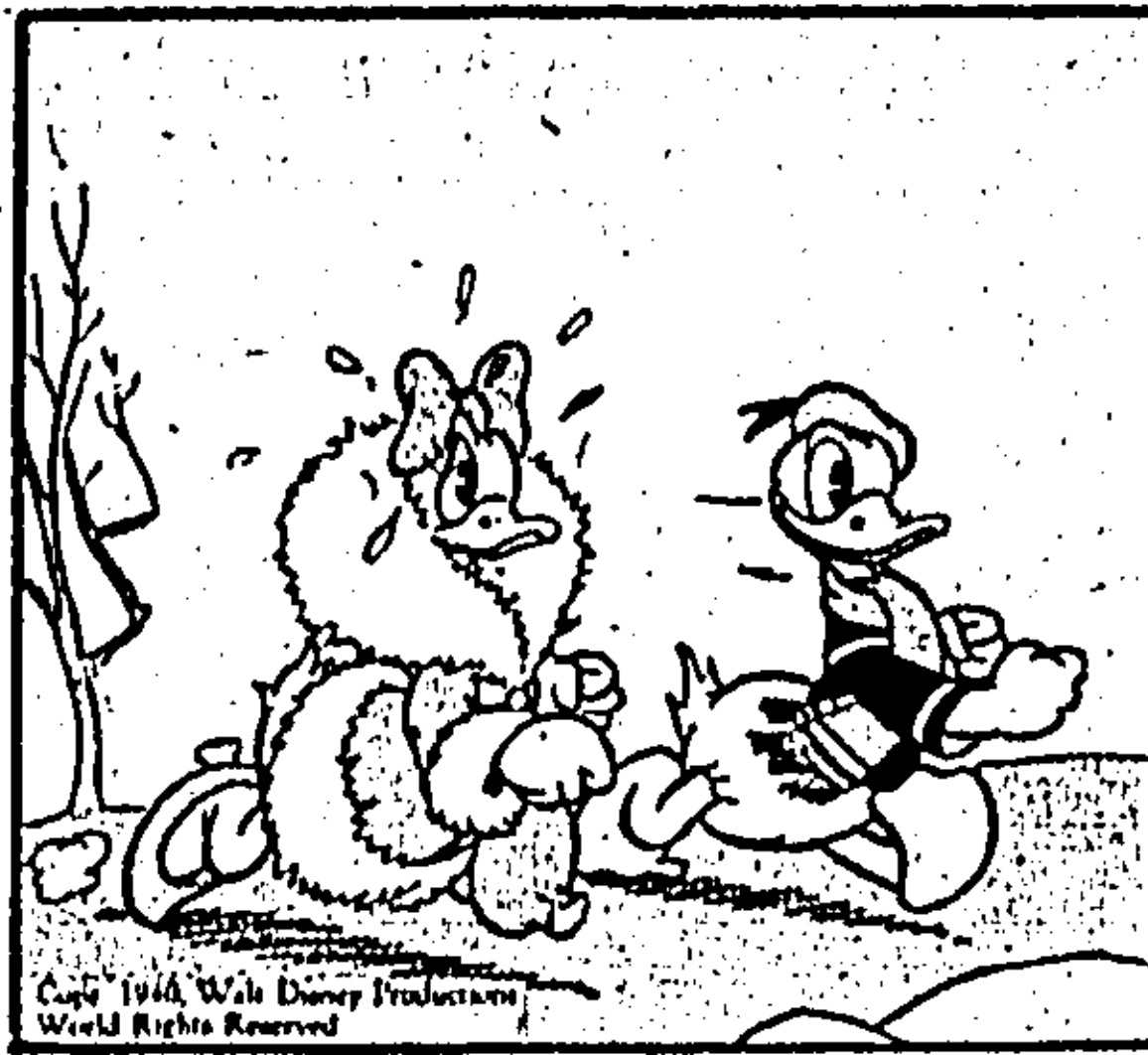
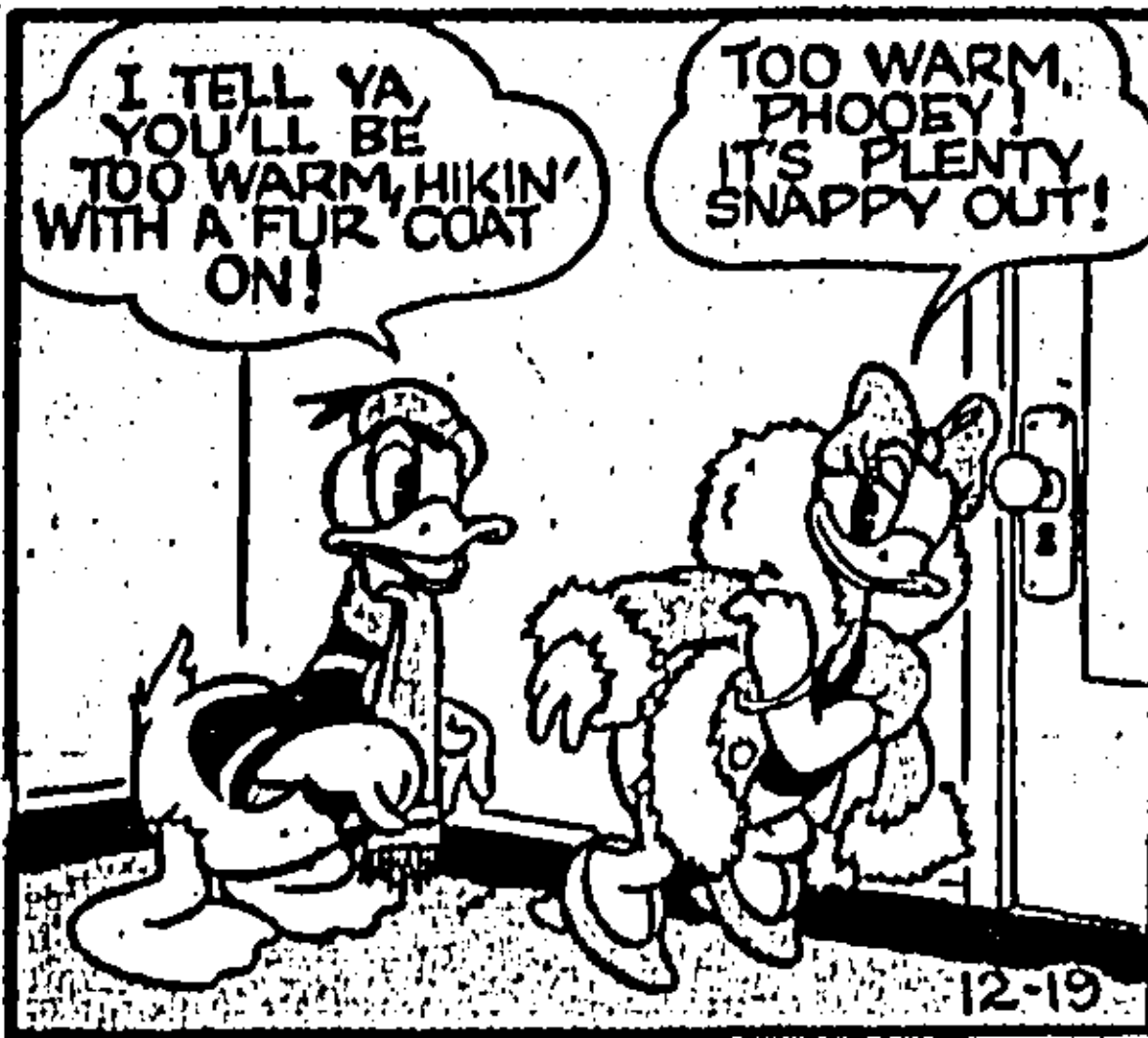
Formosa and Dalren ..... 3.30 p.m.  
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"

K.P.O.  
Reg. .... Jan. 31, 4 p.m.  
Ord. .... Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.



## DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney

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A PILOT OFFICER, recently awarded the D.F.C., arrived in London one morning just in time to help salvage furniture from the ruins of his home. The house had been wrecked by a bomb during the night. He had been expected home the evening before, but delay during the journey prevented him from being in his house when it was wrecked.



MEN OF THE PIONEER CORPS clearing up in a London street after trams had been hit during a raid on the City.



FATHER ARCHER assisting a rescue squad to dig out 12 people trapped under a mass of wreckage in London. When faint cries were heard from the debris Father Archer knelt amid the ruins and offered a prayer for those below.



AFTER BEING ENTOMBED for 18 hours this cat was rescued from the debris of one of the houses. It had crawled into a cupboard and its plaintive 'meowings' were heard by demolition men.

Debate On Quashing  
Of "Daily Worker"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wireless).—Before rising, the House of Commons carried by 323 votes to six an amendment giving its approval to the action of the Home Secretary in suppressing the "Daily Worker" and passed the amended motion.

Supporters of the original motion, which expressed detestation of the propaganda of the "Daily Worker" but regretted that the Government had chosen to suppress it under the Defence Regulations rather than prosecute it, urged that in taking action against the newspaper under one of the regulations which had been justified to the House on the sole ground that they might be needed in circumstances of direct peril arising out of physical invasion, the Home Secretary is creating an undesirable precedent which might undermine confidence in the freedom of the press.

It was also argued that suppression might have a dangerous result in forcing into furtive and clandestine channels dissemination of views ventilated in the "Daily Worker" which in that way might cause greater disaffection than if treated with the contempt they deserved.

In moving an amendment, which was carried, Mr. Lee-Smith, for the Labour Party, said that he approved the action of the Home Secretary on the simple instinctive ground that he believed that the object of the "Daily Worker" was to slow down the country's war production.

He was supported by Sir Percy Harris, for the Liberals, who stressed the need for care in the use of emergency powers which must disappear immediately the war ended.

The only defenders whom the "Daily Worker" had found in the House were the sole Communist member, Mr. Gallacher, and the Labour member Mr. D. N. Pritt.

The Home Secretary was cheered when he declared, "The Communist Party is the last Party on earth to claim the privileges of democratic rights. They do not believe in democracy. Mr. Gallacher, as a Communist, cannot believe in democracy. For him and his political friends it is an outworn political creed of the nineteenth century, and it is sheer nonsense, sheer snivelling hypocrisy for the Communist Party to talk of the rights of democracy and to demand judicial processes."

As to why he took prompt action, Mr. Herbert Morrison said that looking ahead he thought it was highly probable that there would be trouble between the Home Secretary and this newspaper. He asked if it was wise in these circumstances to wait until the damage was done. The promoters were assiduously doing damage and undermining morale. He came to the conclusion that it would not be wise to wait until the damage was done but far better to anticipate it.

Those who opposed his action should learn the lesson of republicanism under the Weimar Constitution. He had learned it and he was applying it. The fact must be faced that in conditions of war or a crisis, something had got to give way in the ordinary safeguards of liberty. Liberty itself would be entirely destroyed by the foes of liberty.

He did not like suppressing any newspaper, but this publication had become a public scandal. Action was regretfully taken, and there was no question of his, or his colleagues, wishing to prevent press criticism of the government. The country had been going through the most critical times, yet the only exercise of emergency powers had been against Fascists on one hand and these Communist papers on the other. That was a remarkable record and a testimony of the strength of a democracy.

Volunteer  
SummonedDisobeyed Orders and Did  
Not Attend Camp

"It was complete disregard of the Commandant's orders on defendant's part and a serious view must be taken by His Worship, unless this sort of thing is checked it will be a very difficult job to control the Volunteers," said the Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. P. Murphy, addressing Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, when Lee Ping-pul, a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, was summoned for failing to comply with Volunteer orders.

It was said that defendant had applied for leave from a week's camp in December last. His application was received by the Commandant who replied that defendant should at least attend four days of the week's camp. Accused was not present on any of the seven days of camp.

When this was brought to the notice of the Commandant, a letter was sent to the accused asking him to appear before the Commandant on December 19. Defendant failed to appear on that date as a result of which a summons was brought against him.

Means Of Livelihood

Accused said he had transferred his services to another firm and had been there a short while when he had to attend camp. Defendant said he had written in to inform the Volunteer authorities of his position and added that he had always been a keen Volunteer but did not intend to lose his means of livelihood because of the Volunteers.

Addressing defendant, Mr. Himsforth said that he had been summoned not only because he had not attended camp but also for failing to obey a superior officer by not appearing before the Commandant.

Defendant in answer to this said he did go to the Volunteer Headquarters on December 19. He saw his Commanding officer but was not told anything.

Accused's commanding officer, Capt. Austin, denied in Court that he had seen defendant on December 19.

Mr. Himsforth said he did not have time to hear the case this morning and fixed the case for hearing on February 4 at 11.30 a.m.

Khalsa Defence Of  
India League

LAHORE, Jan. 28 (Reuters).—The Executive Committee of the Khalsa Defence of India League has decided to send a deputation, under the leadership of the Maharaja of Patiala, to wait on the Commander-in-Chief to press the rights and claims of the Sikh community in respect of entrance into the Indian Army.

The Executive Committee has also resolved to constitute committees of the League throughout the Punjab.

Shanghai Banks Accept  
New Nanking Money

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (Reuters).—Forty leading Chinese banks in Shanghai, including Chungking's Bank of China and Bank of Communications, are reported to be now accepting deposits of the new Wang Ching-wel currency from Nanking's Central Reserve Bank.

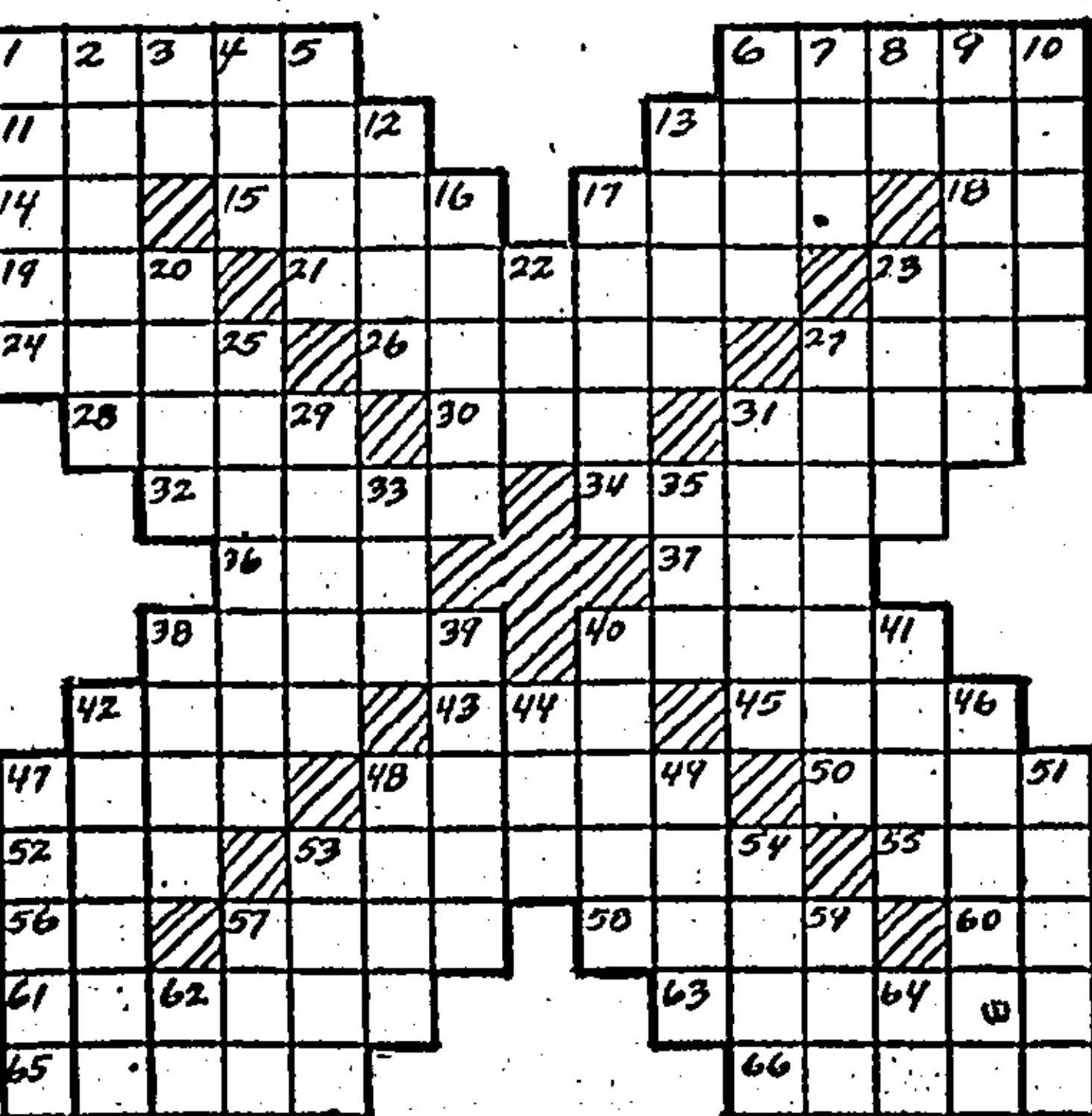
In addition Chinese banks in the French Concession are stated to be also accepting the new money from private individuals.

It is pointed out that Chinese banks in the French Concession, where the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications are situated, could be sued in the Wang Ching-wel controlled Chinese district court if they refused to accept the new money as legal tender.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

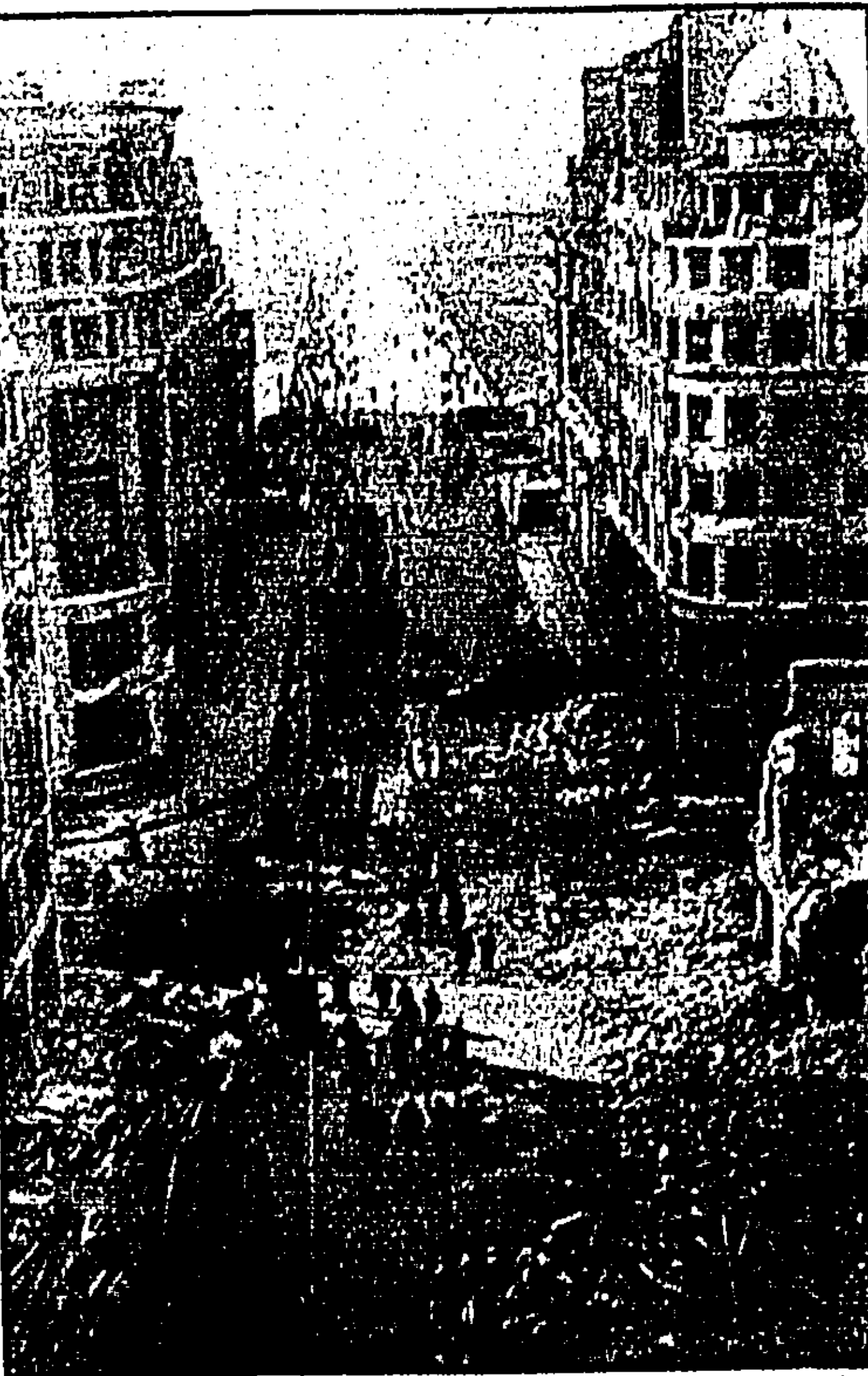
- ACROSS
- 1—He burst up, by liquid
  - 6—Piercing
  - 11—English metropolis
  - 13—Comfortably
  - 14—River in Russia
  - 15—Exposition of regret
  - 17—Portion of circle
  - 18—One
  - 19—Small swelling on eyelid
  - 21—Authorise
  - 23—Father of Japanese Constitution
  - 24—Cows (Prov. Eng.)
  - 25—Huge
  - 27—Brought up
  - 28—Closed bell to sound
  - 30—Standard golf score
  - 31—Collection of verse
  - 32—Author of "The Idiot" and "The Idiot"
  - 34—Denote something usually
  - 36—First woman
  - 37—Lido
  - 38—Scene of action
  - 40—Character of Shakespeare's "Pericles"
  - 42—Prussian canal
  - 43—Don
  - 45—Propel oneself in water
  - 47—City division
  - 48—Hills of sand
  - 49—Narrow river
  - 50—Abstract conception
  - 52—Of being
  - 53—Ironing fortress
  - 55—Part of wheat plant
  - 56—In the manner in which
- DOWN
- 1—Long-necked bottle
  - 2—Consume fully
  - 3—Upon
  - 4—Cliff's name
  - 5—Sound of bell
  - 6—Medieval war-club
  - 7—Pool
  - 8—Look below "don" in golf's terminology
  - 9—Pleasantly excited
  - 10—Ecclesiastical council
  - 12—Fastening device
  - 13—Basic language
  - 16—Rural view
  - 17—Consumed with
  - 20—Division of time
  - 22—Historical period
  - 23—Lima of steel
  - 25—Made contemptuous expression
  - 27—Obtains on promise of return
  - 29—Habit of presiding officer
  - 31—Articles of name
  - 32—Laid
  - 33—Snake-like fish
  - 35—Purse
  - 36—Causes to touch at
  - 37—Statement of doctrine
  - 41—River in Africa
  - 42—Middle western state
  - 44—Literary collection
  - 46—Uttered mournful sound
  - 47—Lace together, as threads
  - 48—Economic obscure
  - 49—Dispatch
  - 51—Exchange
  - 52—Metropolis
  - 54—Prey for animals
  - 57—Vine-like plant
  - 58—Bail
  - 59—Plural
  - 61—Circumference divided by diameter

CENTENARIAN'S  
DONATION

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 10 (UP).—Collectors were puzzled when a donation of a dollar and one cent came in for Vancouver's Air Supremacy Drive. The accompanying letter explained it. The money was from Mrs. Jane Jackson, and represented a penny for every year of her life. She is 101.

ROBERT BENCHLEY AS  
DEANNA'S DAD

Robert Benchley has been engaged by Universal to portray Deanna Durbin's father in the singing star's next production, "Nice Girl." Filming has started under direction of William A. Seltzer, and with Franchot Tone and Robert Stack playing the romantic male leads.



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The Hongkong Telegraph

Wednesday, January 29, 1941.

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## INDIAN TROOPS IN ACTION

ONE of the most interesting features of the war in the Western Desert is the presence of troops from several nations fighting side by side under the British flag. Their joint attacks which have been carried out under extremely difficult conditions have shown an unified front and an equality of courage which has inspired the whole of the watching world.

It is perhaps invidious in a campaign in which dangers, discomforts and successes are shared equally by all to dissociate one group from another, but the part played by the Indian troops merits record. Always renowned for their bravery and loyalty, the Indian troops now in the African campaign seem to have reached greater heights of courage, zeal and endurance than ever before. It is true that the Indian people as a whole, realise very fully the fact that Britain's victory is as vital to them as it is to the Londoner, or any other British subject, and the whole British Commonwealth is at one in this total war.

Broadcasting to the Indian troops, the Commander-in-Chief offered his personal congratulations to them for the gallant part they are playing in the Western Desert operations. He said: "I am proud of your achievement; India is proud of her brave soldier sons." An eye-witness account of the Sidi Barrani battle, referred to the way in which the Indian troops kept their heads, when Italian planes roared overhead, bombs bursting perilously near and machineguns adding their rattat to the fury of the onslaught.

It was reported some days ago that Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Indian Premier, who visited the Indian troops in the Desert, said on his return home that these soldiers had told him they would not return before victory. He added that the entire Muslim world, including Turkey, was solidly behind the Allies. This fact—and it is undeniably a fact—must be giving Hitler much food for thought. It is an answer to any threat he might wish to make to Turkey, Syria or any other part of the Eastern Mediterranean.

## THE LION OF JUDAH RETURNS TO HIS PEOPLE



HAILE SELASSIE, Emperor of Ethiopia, who was forced into exile by Italian aggression, is back in Africa. This picture, from a news-reel, shows him in Sudan, receiving Abyssinian chiefs who are helping the British forces.

# Let Us Have Some DIPLOMATIC BOMBING

I AM not a military expert. I am a diplomatic correspondent. My job is to know all that is going on in Europe.

It is because I understand the present political feeling on the Continent that I SAY BRITAIN MUST AT ONCE ADOPT DIPLOMATIC BOMBING IN EUROPE.

The Germans tried it when they set out to smash our civilian morale by bombs.

They have failed miserably because we are a united people.

But Greater Germany, sprawling awkwardly across Europe, is the very reverse of a united people.

In this loose-linked German Europe there are now exceptional opportunities for carrying out raids on psychological-political objectives.

The right kind of propaganda can turn the weaknesses that I know exist in Germany's Europe into a source of sabotage of the enemy's war effort.

And by "right propaganda" I mean bombs. Leaflets and broadcasts can follow.

## The Weakest Link

NOT only are there underground opposition movements in Germany and in Austria, but there are discords within the very Nazi Party itself.

There are also regional rivalries and divergences, more especially as between Germany and what was once Austria.

Austria is in fact the weakest link in the actual Germanic chain.

The Austrians have not yet had the war brought home to them. Below the surface the Socialists, Communists and

By A Diplomatic Correspondent

Monarchists are very much alive.

Discontent is rife, too, among the local Nazis—the "Old Illegals" who in the days when they worked for Hitler against their own country were dazzled by the prospect of being big bosses in a Nazified Austria, but who when the Anschluss came, found themselves only little bosses, with all the big jobs in the hands of the Reich-German Nazis.

The disappointment and desire for a different kind of regime, at present without means of expression, would soon find a way of self-assertion once the R.A.F. carried the war into Austria itself.

## R.A.F. Visits Appreciated

AND what applies to Austria also applies to Bohemia-Moravia, where the German Nazis and the Sudetenland Nazis are lordling it over the Czechs.

But they would not be lordling it for long if R.A.F. bombs came raining down on Prague, on Reichenberg, on Eger, on Marienbad, and on Karlsbad!

Knowing the people, knowing the country, and knowing their hatred of the Nazis, I sincerely believe that the Czechs would understand and put up with it.

When, after the appointment of Sir Charles Portal to the leadership of the R.A.F., our bombers raided the Skoda armament works, Czechoslovakia, and appreciated the action.

It was an encouragement to high places of the nature and them—whatever casualties they may have suffered.

A few R.A.F. visits to Bratislava, capital of the so-called "independent" Slovakia, would also have excellent political effects.

## Let Rome Have It!

AND if all this is true of be swept away.

Greater Germany, how much more true is it of Italy, direction in the technical means we now possess. Given that—we can win the hearts in this war—they certainly had but little desire for war—win the peace as well.

it—and they are kept at it only by Mussolini's "successes," according to his own war communique.

When the R.A.F. visited Naples, 100 miles away the citizens of Rome spent the night in shelters.

What would happen if the bombs fell on Rome itself can only be imagined.

The Italians have not our "we can take it" courage. They would not "take it" for long.

There is a good deal of underground opposition to Mussolini and Fascism, both within and without the Fascist Party, which would soon find means of expression when British bombs began to fall on Rome itself.

I would also suggest bombing raids on the Rumanian oil fields—from our bases in Cyprus and Crete.

## For The Squeamish

DIPLOMATIC bombing is not a matter of reprisals.

This is total war—but so far it has only been total in regard to British civilians.

It is high time that Britain should adopt the totalitarian principle in war.

For the sentimentally squeamish, let me point out that there are plenty of military objectives in the countries I have named.

And by military objectives I mean not only military establishments and factories, but also Government offices and offices. Hitler is a war objective.

And so is Mussolini. Britain now has the technical means of diplomatic bombing. We have the pilots. We have our new bombers. We have at the head of the R.A.F. a man with the right aggressive spirit.

## What Is Holding Us?

What then is holding us back?

Whitehall's inability to visualise what kind of war this is?

A lack of understanding in high places of the nature and methods of the enemy?

Ignorance on the part of our rulers of the political and psychological conditions prevailing in Western countries?

Westminster's hugging of time-honoured but outworn traditions?

Whatever it may be, it must be swept away.

## Millions Spent On Television

Washington, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Federal Communications Commission reports that private interests are spending \$8,000,000 for research and experimentation to develop television on a commercial basis.

The Commission broadened the experimental field by licensing ten new stations, six of which will be located in Los Angeles. Previous authorisations have provided a geographic distribution of facilities to thwart any tendency toward monopoly.

Howard Hughes, multi-millionaire aviator and movie producer, is ready to spend \$2,000,000 alone, the Commission said, for the development of television stations in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The ten new stations were expected by the Commission to spend \$3,000,000 for experimentation and research. Others previously licensed have invested \$5,000,000 in the industry.

## Public Interest

"These contemplated programmes of research and experimentation are pursuant to Commission requirements looking to development of television to a point that will enable the industry to agree on a uniform transmission system of an acceptable technical quality," the F.C.C. said.

The F.C.C. has insisted upon uniform transmission standards to facilitate public participation in the industry. Chairman James Lawrence Fly has contended that overnight changes which would outmode existing receivers must be avoided.

## MOSLEY GROWS A BEARD

SIR OSWALD MOSLEY, the Fascist leader, is growing a beard. It is now about an inch and a half long, is almost jet black, and covers the whole of his chin.

He is in Brixton Prison, and when seen recently he had a thick growth of black hair covering the lower part of his face. People who knew the interned Fascist leader well hardly recognised him in his beard.

## Wears 'Uniform'

Sir Oswald Mosley looked healthy enough, and was dressed in a black lounge coat and flannel trousers—the "uniform" he used to wear at his Fascist meetings before he was arrested on May 23 at his London flat in Dolphin Square, S.W.

He has been detained in Brixton Prison under section 18B of the Defence Regulations ever since. Mosley apparently intends for the present to cultivate the short "imperial" type of beard, as it was noticed that the ends were being trimmed to a point. But he may change the style when the growth becomes stronger.



# CHIANG KAI-SHEK EXPLAINS NEED FOR SUPPRESSING FOURTH ARMY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A lengthy statement by General Chiang Kai-shek on the disbandment of the New Fourth Army (Communist) forces on the south bank of the Yangtse River early this month and a vigorous denial of Japanese reports of civil war or an unfavourable turn in international events, were contained in an address delivered at yesterday's weekly memorial meeting and released to-night. Referring to reports of civil war the Generalissimo declared that in China to-day there is absolute unanimity of purpose among the people and the armed forces.

Questions of maintenance of war-time discipline and obedience to military discipline have no relation whatever to such a possibility.

Referring to the "flowers" assistance to China, the Generalissimo stated, "The record of four years of sympathy and assistance from friendly nations has shown them to be uniformly desirous of seeing strict discipline enforced in our armies as a means of enhancing efficiency in resistance. There was never an instance of their being discouraged by our taking the action required. They will recognise the propriety of any action in keeping with the high standards of sound discipline prevailing in the Chinese armed forces."

**Inspiration To Respect**  
"So far from the effect being an incentive to the Japanese to attempt to convey, foreign countries will be inspired with respect for us by observing our ability to put down insubordination without hesitation or trepidation despite the difficulties attendant on such action under conditions imposed by active prosecution of the war."

After pointing out that "there is no more essential factor required for victory in resistance than the reliable execution of orders and the exercise of discipline," General Chiang stated that the measures taken by the Government in regard to the New Fourth Army were in no way peculiar.

He recalled similar punishment of Chinese generals like Han Fu-chu, Li Fu-yang and Shih Yu-san, in the past three years for various offences against discipline.

**No Private Feelings**  
After charging the New Fourth Army of "attacking a body of comrades in arms, disobedience to orders, and rebellion," the Generalissimo declared, "I am entrusted with power directing the armies, and if I fail to enforce discipline with due rigour, yielding to any private susceptibilities of my own, I become myself a violator of discipline and betray all men fighting at the front."

"There would soon be an end of resistance and revolution if orders were permitted to be disobeyed and discipline unobserved."

"The incident under discussion is an exceedingly distressing case of military insubordination. Far be it from me to construe it as a matter for gratification; it was something much to be ashamed of, but it was the only course possible in the interests of the nation, and action was reluctantly taken."

**Previous Disobedience**  
Former cases of disobedience on the part of the New Fourth Army and of its clashes with other troops were passed over by me in silence, though not indeed for the sake of keeping them secret from foreigners or from the enemy. Such incidents cannot be concealed.

"My motives were, firstly my concern for the good name of the troops and hope for their reform, secondly to preserve intact the forces of resistance."

"But the New Fourth Army continued to take all manner of arbitrary action until it has become apparent that if it were unchecked, China would cease to be worthy of the name of the nation, that she would be powerless to make a success of resistance."

"In conclusion I have only to say that my action was dictated solely by a desire to strengthen the nation's capacity for resistance."

"The incident is now entirely closed. The problem has been settled once and for all, and it no longer remains in any shape or form."

"The conduct of the New Fourth Army and the punishment imposed have no bearing on the status of other sections of the national forces. Absolutely no political party issue is involved."

## CHINA'S SAVING CERTIFICATES

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (Central News).—The campaign for the sale of National Economy Savings Certificates has reaped remarkable results since it was launched on September 18 last year, the anniversary of the Mukden Incident.

A preliminary estimate made to-day, the anniversary of the Sino-Japanese hostilities in Shanghai in 1937, reveals that the total amount of certificates sold is worth approximately \$250,000,000 (National currency).

The largest amounts are understood to have been sold abroad and in Chungking, Yunnan, Kweichow, and Fokien. In many cities the amounts sold have exceeded the amounts assigned for sale.

## Losses And Thefts

Mr. H. A. Wicks, of No. 1 Chatham Path, has reported that a raincoat and a pair of gloves, aggregating \$30 in value, were stolen from his car while it was parked in Jackson Road yesterday.

Lieut. Col. O. Shackleton of the Military Hospital has reported the loss of his car No. 4022, between 1.30 p.m. on January 27 and 1.30 p.m. on January 28, while it was parked outside the Hongkong Club.

## The Fleet Versus Warplanes

Expert's Confidence In Our Sea Units

(BY "REUTERS'S" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Full confidence in the continued fighting power of the British Fleet was expressed to-day in the first comment by a high British naval officer on the air war at sea since the Battle of the Straits of Sicily began.

"Air action will not seriously hamper the power of the Navy so long as you have enough aircraft carriers," he said. "Our continued operations in the Mediterranean, despite both the German and Italian air forces, prove this."

"By the very nature of the Fleet's continued action, there must be reverses in the case of the carrier Southampton and the aircraft carrier Illustrious."

In this officer's view, there is very little danger of a capital ship being sunk by a bombing attack, for it is able to take such heavy punishment.

Discussing the relative merits of the British and German air action at sea, the spokesman contended that in the Skua, a German aircraft carrier, the Koenigsberg class at Bergen in April last year, thus achieving the first known success of a major naval unit in history in naval warfare. Of 16 bombs dropped, three found their mark, which demonstrated the accuracy of the bombing against intense anti-aircraft fire.

**Deadly Torpedo**  
Britain recognised that dive-bombing might in time become too expensive and the Admiralty had put its faith in the torpedo as naval aircraft's primary weapon for two decades. The torpedo was more deadly than the bomb as it went for the most vulnerable part of a warship—below the waterline.

Maintenance of this policy had provided a notable success against the Italians, though it had not been attributed to the Fleet-Air Arm. The attack was carried out in daylight and there were no British casualties. Two Italian submarines, a depot ship and a gunboat went to the bottom.

The essential characteristic of torpedo-carrying aircraft was manoeuvrability and in this respect the Swordfish and Albacore types were supreme anywhere in the world.

**Warship Sunk At Bomba**  
I understand that the Fleet Air Arm's achievement refers to a bold official announcement of an attack made on August 22. Warships were lying in the Bomba roadstead in Libya. One torpedo sank a submarine which was at anchor. Three other warships were lying alongside each other. A second submarine and a gunboat were on the outside and a depot ship in the middle. Two remaining torpedoes crashed into the submarine and gunboat, and as a result of the explosion, the depot ship also caught fire and sank.

**JAPANESE RAID ON KWANGSI**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
A JAPANESE ARMY AIR BASE IN INDO-CHINA, Jan. 28 (Domel).—Japanese Army air units to-day carried out surprise raids on Lungchow, Mingchow, and other Chinese military bases in Kwangsi Province.

Attacking Lungchow, the raiders machine-gunned about 300 Chinese troops and also set on fire five gasoline storages.

Another formation visiting Mingchow and other bases adjacent to the French Indo-China border scored hits on important military objectives. All Japanese planes safely returned to their base.

## Bail Application For Hayashi

Kewick Shooting Sequel

SHANGHAI, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—An application for bail was received by Mr. Horiechi, the Japanese Consul General, on behalf of Yukichi Hayashi, the arrested President of the Japanese "Ratopayers' Association," who shot and wounded Mr. W. J. Kewick, Chairman of the Municipal Council, last week.

The application was submitted by the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Vendors and was also addressed to the Chief of the Japanese Consular Police in whose custody Hayashi was placed after the shooting.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	420
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	23 1/2
T.T. Manila	47
T.T. Batavia	44
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	102
T.T. France	Nom.
T.T. Switzerland	100
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 1/4
4 m/s France	Nom.
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

## VICTORY FOR FREE FRENCH

Daring Raid In The Libyan Desert

(BY GORDON YOUNG, "REUTERS'S" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

CAIRO, Jan. 28.—While the British imperial forces were carrying all before them in their drive along the Libyan coast, Free French troops, it is learned, carried out a daring and successful raid on a strategically important group of oases in the heart of the Libyan desert.

In the middle of January, a small Free French force, drawn from the Free Camel Corps and equipped also with mechanised transport which had secretly been assembled behind the frontier of French Equatorial Africa, began a 300-mile journey across the desert waste. They were moving up for an attack on the capital of the oases at Fezzan, which the Italians were using as an air base to keep watch over Free French territories in Equatorial Africa.

**Surprise Attack**  
Travelling nearly 100 miles a day, the French force escaped observation from the air and took the Italian garrison completely by surprise. The Italians were 500 strong and the French troops, consisting of soldiers from the Tibesti and Taureg Saharan tribes under French officers and non-commissioned officers, were commanded by Lt-Col Colonna Dornano, were greatly outnumbered. Nevertheless the Italians immediately withdrew into the fort in the centre of the town, leaving the Free French to destroy the aerodrome, hangars, workshops and other installations together with a number of aircraft on the ground.

The French carried on the work of destruction unhindered throughout the day while the enemy remained behind the walls of the fort. The French withdrew at nightfall, their work finished, but Lt-Col Dornano fell victim to a sniper's bullet.

Very few of the French were wounded and they have brought back a score of Italian prisoners.

## Tri-Pronged Japanese Offensive

In Anhwei & Honan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KWOYANG, Anhwei Province, Jan. 29 (Domel).—Launching the first major operation in the New Year, Japanese forces since January 25 have been attacking three important groups of Chinese armies in a three-pronged simultaneous movement from northern and southern Honan northwestern Anhwei.

Operating in the Peking-Hankow Railway zone, a large column of Japanese forces is pushing northward to smash General Tang En-po's troops in southern Honan, while another major column is fighting its way through the Chungking forces under General Ho Chu-kuo in the northwestern sector of Anhwei around Poshien, along the Kwoho River banks.

In concert with the eastern and southern columns, still another Japanese column has started a vigorous drive from the upper reaches of the New Yellow River to attack General Sun Tung-sun's forces on the eastern and northern banks of the New Yellow River in northern Honan Province.



CATCHING UP ON NEWS.—At a railway station somewhere in Scotland, Prime Minister Winston Churchill reads a paper while waiting for his train.

Captain Ramsay, M.P., To Stay In Gaol

## Denies Being Chosen As Nazi Gauleiter

Captain Ramsay, M.P., Hitler's alleged nominee as Gauleiter of Scotland, is to stay in jail.

This is the decision of the Parliamentary Committee of Privileges, to whom, it was revealed, he indignantly denied that he was to be Gauleiter.

"If I had accepted that post," he said, "it would have been treason."

His detention in Brixton Prison under the Defence Regulations does not, in the opinion of the Parliamentary Committee, constitute a breach of the privileges of the House of Commons.

**No Immunity**  
After weeks of close inquiry, during which Captain Ramsay personally attended the Committee and stated his case, its members are agreed that, as an M.P., he has no immunity from "preventive arrest."

Their official report rules that Captain Ramsay's claim to be the assignee of a new Parliamentary privilege or an unjustified extension of an existing one.

He claimed that M.P.'s privilege of immunity from arrest extended to his kind of case.

This ruling of the body of M.P.s set up by Parliament to investigate Captain Ramsay's claim to be the assignee of a new Parliamentary privilege or an unjustified extension of an existing one.

The reasons for the action taken by the Home Secretary who ordered his detention have already been examined, on appeal, by the Home Office Advisory Committee.

This body could recommend no variation of the order.

**Release Hope Goes**  
The findings of the Committee of Privileges—which was concerned only with Capt. Ramsay's position as an M.P.—mean there is no ground on which he can secure release.

In the secluded Committee Room at Westminster, where nine M.P.s, under Mr. Attlee's chairmanship, patiently went over the whole range of problems raised by the case, many sensational matters came up in evidence.

On one occasion Capt. Ramsay, interrupted by Mr. Attlee, the chairman, alleged, "this procedure is very like the Star Chamber methods."

Referring to other men who have been detained under the Defence Regulations, Captain Ramsay stated: "You have men, many of them known to me, who have been kept in prison for three months without any charge being made against them."

Many of them, he said, have been put in cells which have not been in use for 20 years.

The Captain also claimed that his detention was a breach of privilege, because it meant that his constituents "at a time of the greatest need of their lives" were prevented from communicating with him.

## Rumania Closes All Gates Sima Flees From Country

BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—All Rumanian pass-ports must be stamped with a special visa before their owners can leave the country, according to a decree issued by General Ion Antonescu. The order includes diplomats.

Presumably it aims at preventing the escape of persons wanted by the Government for their share in the abortive Iron Guard revolt.

Press reports received here to-day state that Florin Sima, leader of the Iron Guard and Vice-Premier of Rumania, is now definitely known to have fled from Rumania.

Meanwhile the military authorities claim to have made a huge haul of arms from the rebels and to have recovered 70 tons of property looted by Iron Guards.

King Michael and the Queen Mother have given 500,000 lei for the fund for the benefit of families of soldiers killed in the revolt.

General Antonescu is "suffering from influenza."

## King Visits Fighter And Bomber Squadrons

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The King, who is one of the busiest men in the war effort in Britain, to-day had a long talk with Air Marshal W. Sholto Douglas, Commander-in-Chief of the Fighter Command, about night fighters and the difficulties of intercepting enemy bombers at night.

His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen.

The King talked to a young Squadron Leader commander of one of the crack night-fighter squadrons, who told him, "I think we may be more successful in future, sir."

"All this happened in a pilot's rest room" at an R.A.F. fighter station after a two-day tour during which Their Majesties visited five aerodromes in the R.A.F. Bomber and Fighter Commands.

The Hongkong Singers, as a result of their recent concert at the Peninsula Hotel, Supplemented by sundry donations, have now dispatched a Draft for £30 to the Lord Mayor of London's Air Raid Distress Fund.

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## Boothby Resignation And Czech Assets

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A debate was held this afternoon on the resignation of Mr Robert Boothby, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Food, following the inquiry by the Select Committee into his conduct in connection with Czech assets.

Mr Boothby made a long statement, declaring that his activities had been not only innocent but actually praiseworthy. The important thing was to stop 277,000,000 going to the Nazis and that was done.

His main objectives were to prevent the money going to the Germans and to secure its distribution among Czech residents in Britain, many of whom would otherwise have been penniless to-day.

"Looking back, the whole unfortunate business seems so unnecessary. A postscript to a letter, a sentence or two in conversation or speech, which could have altered the course of events, were all that was required, but it never occurred to me that they were necessary. Maybe I was thoughtless."

"When I disclaimed financial interest to the Chancellor, I was answering his charge that I and my Committee were working for payment. It is not true that I received a single penny for anything I said or did with regard to the Czech claims."

The Prime Minister moved that the House agree with the Committee's report, which had set a very high standard. "We have to set a very high standard for the House of Commons, and we have to try to live up to that standard. The decision causes pain to all, especially to me; for Mr Boothby has been one of my personal friends and supporters at lonely and difficult moments. His departure means the loss of a highly competent and industrious man. It is a heart-breaking business but I do not think that the poignancy of our feelings can influence our course."

**Shipping Losses**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Shipping losses due to enemy action during the past week ending at midnight on January 19 were five British ships of 34,772 tons and six Allied ships of 23,440 tons.

This is the first time in more than a fortnight that there has been other than British losses. For the week under review, the Germans claimed they sunk 41,000 tons of shipping.

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NANKING, Jan. 28 (Domel).—Mr Chu Min-yi, newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Mr Chang Cheng, adviser to the Ambassador, left here by air this afternoon for Tokyo.

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ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that British trawlers and drifters destroyed three enemy planes off the east coast last Sunday afternoon, while they crippled and set fire to another on Saturday.



# "R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

## H.K.C.C. Win By 6 Wickets

### R. H. Griffiths Scores 81 Not Out: Century First Wicket Partnership

(By "R. Abbit")

SECOND DAY'S PLAY in the Hongkong C.C. Kowloon C.C. two-day match opened yesterday morning with the H.K.C.C. 28 runs behind and with three wickets to go. The innings closed at 178, and in reply to K.C.C.'s second innings' score of 148, the Club won by 6 wickets but went on to score 201 for 6 wickets.

### Kowloon C.C. Defeated

The game started surprisingly punctually at 11.04. It was misty but the sun was trying to break through all the time—it was bright sunshine on the south side of the Peak, and it was clear that there had been heavy dew. Sawdust was called for at once.

Zimmerman and Lloyd bowled—the latter with donkey drops that Bosanquet treated with exaggerated respect, instead of banging them to or over the fence, and that brought the inevitable result.

In trying to smother a half-volley, he lifted his foot and was stumped—possibly run out his rumour has it that he hit the ball.

Persons came in and allowed his first ball, a full toss on the leg stump, to drop on to his pad without any intervention. Baker came in, and Griffiths hit Zimmerman for two beautiful 4's to leg, but failed to bag the bowling, and Baker, after surviving seven balls from Lloyd, was bowled 178-10-4.

Griffiths was 81 not out and had had luck in not getting people to stay with him. The Club were seven runs behind and should have been at least 20 on. I noticed that when Lloyd bowled to Baker, who is not afraid of hitting the ball, he cut out the donkey drops and speeded up. He bowled Baker with a beauty.

#### Kowloon Bat

K.C.C. started as usual, and the Club bowled Baker and Perry. The batsmen started cautiously and the only excitement early on was a nice hook by Anderson off a long hop from Baker and a square cut by Hung off Perry.

After the overs it seemed that Baker and Perry were not bowling so well as the day before. Possibly the wicket did not suit them so well. However, at 11, Baker got Anderson l.b.w. (11-1-5) and four balls later bowled Ernie Fincher neck and crop (11-2-0).

A disastrous over for the K.C.C.

#### Rot Sets In

PERRY seemed dead off and Ernie Zimmerman and Hung seemed to have no difficulty in playing him and took 11 off the 4th over. Things seemed settling down.

Alec Pearce relieved Perry and bowled big off turners, and at 27 Ernie Zimmerman was run out in a foolish attempt to get a second run from one he had put behind square leg. Perry threw in well and Grose had the balls off in a flash. 27-3-10.

In Pearce's next over he got Hung to mistime on and caught and bowled him 30-4-14. Knight relieved Baker and after a shaky first over all but bowled Archie Zimmerman—the ball went for 4 byes, the first thing that Grose had let—and next ball hit him caught at the wicket. 30-5-1.

Things had followed the course of the first innings remarkably closely so far and it remained to see if the same pair—Mackay and Teddy Fincher—could pull the game round a second time.

#### Runs Come Fast

It looked likely. Pearce seemed to present no difficulties and Knight was all over the place with his length, and the batsmen did what they liked with him. Fincher also seemed partial to Alec Pearce and I could not understand why he did not move one of his two short legs, who got nothing to do, to deep long off where Fincher had two big 4's in one over.

Later on, Fincher was dropped by Baker at mid-off. Had he stepped in to the catch he might have caught it but he let it arrive boot high. Still, to put him at mid-off with the bowling Pearce was sending down was a major tactical error.

Another error, it seemed to me, was not giving Baker and Perry another spell before lunch. Instead, Owen Hughes and John Pearce went on and at 80 lunch was taken.

#### A Catastrophic Over

AFTER lunch, Fincher and Mackay seemed to be settling down against Alec Pearce and Baker, but after 17 runs had been added the latter batsman opened out at Pearce and was finally caught on the boundary at deep mid-wicket by Griffiths, who judged the catch beautifully. 107-6-20.

The batsmen had crossed and Teddy Fincher drove the next one

back to Alec Pearce who took it easily. I suspect he had been after the c. & b. for some time. 107-7-49. A gallant hard innings.

Robert Lee saved the hat-trick, but was caught off the next ball at silly mid-off. Broadbridge came in and completed his pair of specs off the last ball of the over, 107-9-0.

Four wickets in a maiden over! An amazing change.

#### Last Wicket Stand

F. R. ZIMMERN and Lloyd refused to be perturbed and hit merrily. The latter took 10 in one over off Baker who seemed tired. Runs came apparently at will. After 40 runs had been added, Ride went on for Alec Pearce. It worked. Zimmerman lashed out and Baker, running back at mid-on (his place) made a very nice catch to atone for his previous 20, cents. 140-10-21.

Lloyd carried his bat for a stalwart 20 runs. The last wicket added 41 runs in 21 minutes, and the Club were left with 155 to get. It gave the K.C.C. a sporting chance to win. Club had 2½ hours to get the runs, supposing that stumps were to be drawn at 5.30 p.m.

#### The Final Spam

PEARCE altered his order, and sent in Owen Hughes and Knight, who was dropped at first slip in F. R. Zimmerman's first over. The batsman ran keenly and the score mounted.

At 58, R. E. Lee relieved (joke) Zimmerman and 12 came off his first over. In Lloyd's next he should have c. & b. Knight but it was a low and short chance.

Fifty went up, and soon after, with three 4's to leg off Lee, Knight completed his 50—70 being hoisted at the same time.

Anderson went on for Lloyd. Knight hit merrily—he had most of the bowling—and the century was hoisted in 40 minutes.

At 114, Knight who had been hitting very hard, hit his wicket in pulling Anderson. He had been near to it several times before. 114-1-70. A fine forcing knock.

#### Carrying On

Alec PEARCE came in and survived a confident appeal for l.b.w. from Zimmerman. At 119 Owen Hughes was l.b.w. to Lloyd precisely as he had been in the first innings—trying to sweep a pitched-up ball on the leg stump to square leg. His 44 was an excellent and chanceless innings. 119-2-44.

After this, for some time, the batsmen played dull cricket, though I cannot believe that the bowling was any better than when Owen Hughes and Knight had laid on to it so heavily. The new men played the dull goose game that had put the bowlers' tails up and lost so many wickets in the first innings.

At last Alec Pearce let go and hit Lloyd out of the ground to long on. Next ball he very nearly did the same, but Ernie Fincher intercepted it 140-3-10.

Griffiths came in and evidently was not minded to dally. He hit his third ball for a big two to extra cover—his fourth for a big 4 to square leg. An on drive went for 4 and then he failed to get his bat out of the way of a bumper on the off, and was out for 10 scored in seven balls. 150-4-10.

Grose came in and saved his pair with a single in the gully. Next over Perry won the game with a 4 to long leg off Lloyd—a 6 wickets victory.

#### Anti-Climax

AFTER such a good game, it was something of an anti-climax to play on. Perry was 11 and Grose 2 when the game really finished. They hit about, and both Grose and Ride got out.

#### Summary

IT was a queer match. At one time the Club bowlers were all on top of the K.C.C. and at others they looked like children. I heard it said that it was a curious co-incidence that

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB				
First Innings	183			
Second Innings				
D. J. N. Anderson, l.b.w. b Baker	5			
D. Hughes, c and b T. A. Pearce	34			
E. F. Fincher b Baker	10			
E. Zimmerman, run out	20			
N. A. E. Mackay, c Griffiths b T. A. Pearce	23			
A. Pearce	43			
A. Zimmerman, c Grose b Knight	21			
E. C. Fincher, c and b T. A. Pearce	43			
F. R. Zimmerman, c Baker b Ride	21			
R. E. Lee, c Owen Hughes b T. A. Pearce	21			
Perry	0			
R. T. Broadbridge, c J. L. C. Pearce	0			
R. T. Pearce	0			
N. D. Lloyd, not out	23			
Extras	2			
Total	148			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Baker	10	1	17	5
Perry	4	1	5	0
T. A. Pearce	10	1	54	5
Owen Hughes	10	1	10	1
J. L. C. Pearce	1	1	3	1
Ride	1	1	1	1

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB				
First Innings				
T. G. C. Knight, c and b Lloyd	5			
G. C. E. Grose, b Zimmerman	17			
A. Pearce, c Lloyd b Zimmerman	10			
H. Owen Hughes, l.b.w. b Lloyd	13			
R. E. Lee, c Zimmerman	2			
R. H. Griffiths, not out	91			
A. E. C. Pearce, b Zimmerman	11			
A. E. C. Pearce, c Zimmerman b Lloyd	8			
D. I. Bosanquet, at A. Zimmerman b Lloyd	11			
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Extras	11			
Total	170			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmerman	10	1	52	5
Lloyd	10	1	52	5
Lee	3	1	10	1
Anderson	3	1	10	1

Second Innings				
H. Owen Hughes, l.b.w. b Lloyd	44			
T. G. C. Knight, hit wicket, b Lloyd	10			
A. Pearce, c E. F. Fincher b Lloyd	10			
R. E. Lee, c Lloyd b Zimmerman	10			
R. H. Griffiths, c Lloyd b Zimmerman	10			
G. C. E. Grose, at A. Zimmerman b Zimmerman	20			
L. T. Ride, c Anderson b Fincher	20			
Extras	2			
Six wickets for	201			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmerman	12	1	42	2
Lloyd	9	1	42	2
Lee	2	1	23	1
Anderson	2	1	23	1
E. F. Fincher	17	2	51	1

## Home Soccer Fixtures For February 1

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuters).—The following are the football fixtures for the coming Saturday, February 1:

#### LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Fulham v. Brentford; Queen's Park v. Chelsea; Tottenham v. Arsenal; Tottenham v. Tottenham v. Tottenham.

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

Brighton v. Bournemouth; Portsmouth v. Watford; Southampton v. Southampton.

#### MIDLAND CUP

Leicester v. Notts; Lincoln v. Mansfield; Northampton v. Luton; West Brom. v. Walsall.

#### LEAGUE WAR CUP

Preliminary Round: Bradford v. Bolton; Southampton v. Crewe; Stockport v. Blackpool; York v. Sheffield W.

#### NORTH REGIONAL

Burnley v. Blackburn; Burnley v. Sheffield U.; Chesterfield v. Hull; Everton v. Barnsley; Grimsby v. Bradford; Manchester C. v. Oldham; Newcastle v. Middlesbrough; Rotherham v. Doncaster.

In each Innings Mackay and Fincher made a stand when 5 wickets had fallen so cheaply. I think there is a logical reason for it.

There were only two good bowlers on the Club side—Baker and Perry—and the two K.C.C. men came in when the edge was coming off their bowling. They played very well and put them off and took ten with the rather poor change bowling.

But for Alec Pearce's bliskrieg over (when the Club caught four catches in it) I fancy there might have been much more trouble for the Club.

An enjoyable game and I have not said anything rude enough to mulc me for the Bomber Fund.

## A. A. GUNNERS BEAT NAVY "A" 11-8 AT RUGBY

GUNNERS of the 5th A.A. Regiment were successful against Navy "A" in a rugged match at Causeway Bay yesterday winning by 11 points (a goal and two tries) to 8 (a goal and a try). Both sides played only 14 men—Taverner, of the Army, taking over the centre berth for Navy.

Wild passing made the game somewhat scrappy. It was featured by speedy runs by Baker, who scored all three tries for the Ack-Ack's, and fine handling and distribution by Carter. Navy fly-half, Page and Heath were outstanding in the military pack. Baker scored his first try when he intercepted Carter's punt ahead and ran strongly and touched down in the corner. This was followed by the second try for the Gunners, after Fairclough had made an opening. Easterbrook majorized with a fine kick, to give the military XV an 8-0 lead at the interval.

**Second Half**  
NAVY scored first points when Hughes forced down following a scramble on the line. The effort was converted. The Navy drew level when Carter broke through and passed to Grace who touched down for an unconverted try on the right. Carter nearly put Navy in the lead, but Army rallied and following an opening by Page, Baker touched down for the third and last try to win the match. The teams were: 5th A.A. Regiment—Fairclough; Baker; Giblin; Clague; Sutcliffe; Easterbrook; Dobson; Clark; Mullen; Evans; Mew; Heath; Page; Moore. Navy—Clough; Grace; Wilson; Taverner; Bowdler; Carter; Gallagher; Stockham; Palmer; Hughes; Dobson; Mitchell; Grange; Flynn.

#### Hockey Trial

Seventeen Chosen For Interport

Following yesterday morning's trial, the following 17 players were selected by the Interport Selection Committee, the actual team to meet Macao to be announced later: V. M. Benwell (Club) (goal); V. C. Bond (Club); J. B. Gonzales (Recrolo); and Capt. Kampha-Prasad (Punjabis) (full-backs); R. Marques (Recrolo); M. H. Hassan (Khalsa); Capt. H. Wood (Rajputana Rifles); W. A. Reed (Club); N. B. Whitley (Club); and A. M. Alves (Recrolo) (half-backs); D. T. Smith (C.B.A.); Lieut. J. E. Ross (Punjabis); Guruchand Singh (Khalsa); A. E. E. Guest (Khalsa); J. Parker (Police); H. L. Ozorio (Recrolo); and W. Brown (Police) (forwards).

#### Quadrangular Match

First matches in the Quadrangular Hockey Tournament (formerly Triangular) will take place next week when Club will meet the Indian Army on the Club ground, on Tuesday at 4.45 p.m. and the Navy on the Club ground on Friday, at the same time.

#### Chinese Superior

FROM the kick-off the Navy goal narrowly escaped disaster.

## All-Portugal Stars Upset Calculations

### Mohawks Trounced 10-2 In Exhibition Game

(By "Ball Fan")

Harry Noronha's fighting all-Portugal stars upset the gas-house dopsters by coming through with a brilliant 10-2 triumph over Chazzie Waggoner's five-nation Mohawk tribe in a sparkling exhibition of superior class football, at the Kowloon ball park yesterday.

Behind the outstanding slab tolling of Youthful Gerry Gosano, Portugal's all-star nine hung the old hatchet sign on the Mohawks' aspirations for a holiday tandem victory. Forging ahead in the initial stanza, Noronha's nifties counted three tallies as George Souza, Gerry and Eddie Gosano sailed home. The Portuguese stalwarts sowed up the old ball game in the 6th with four more markers on clean-cut hits by the powerhouse duo of Gerry and Doc Gosano, Nick Belmont's sure punt and Dickie Alves' circuit clout.

Cy Jones, Mohawk hurler, found the going pretty tough all afternoon as his offerings seemed easy pickings for the all-star nine, who slammed away with the precious willow-wand at will. Scores were: Portugal 10, Mohawks 2. R.H.E. Portugal 3 0 0 1 0 4 2 0 1 0 4. Batteries: Cy Jones and Joe Morris. Gerry Gosano and Joe Morris.

It is hoped to arrange a match against the Indian Army team next Saturday.

#### Weak Halves

BUT for the sterling work put in by Roughley and O'Regan, the Navy would have gone down by a heavier margin. As it was, despite their heroic efforts, they found the Chinese much too fast for them. Roughley had Lee Wal-tong covered well, and the latter's attempts to go through on his own on several occasions found Roughley always in his attendance.

With the exception of Hazard in the pivotal position, the Navy halves were their weak link. Both wing halves were weak and unable to master the intricacies of the Chinese forwards. Honeywell was a hard worker. Robinson as usual displayed his fine form as a keeper and saved several certain goals.

The forward line was very loose, and although positional changes were made in the course of the game, little effect was seen. Honeywell was the best of the forwards, working often on his own, and found little support from his other men. With the exception of Le Page, the other forwards were weak, although Henry tried to instill life into them when he took over the attack.

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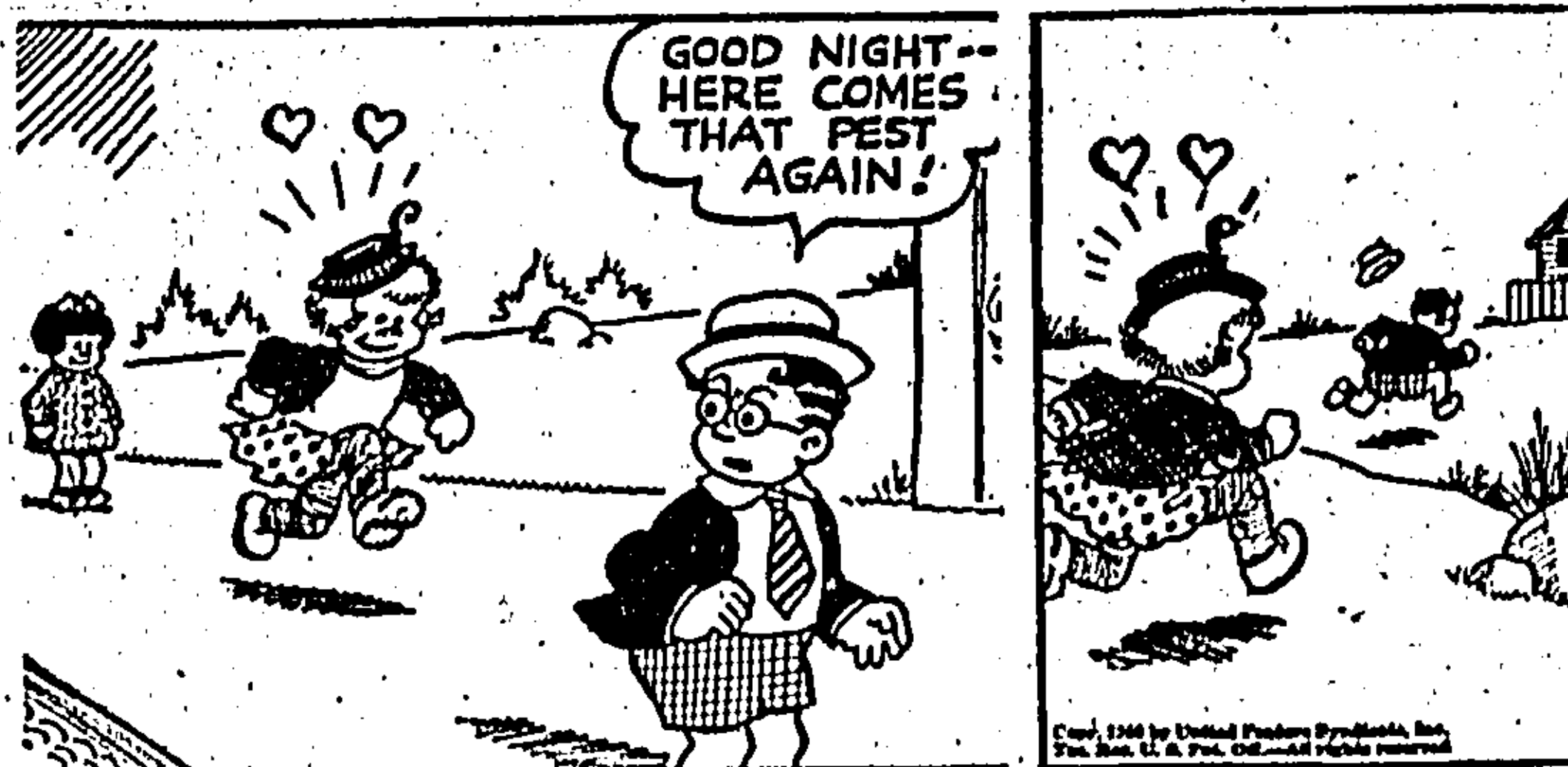
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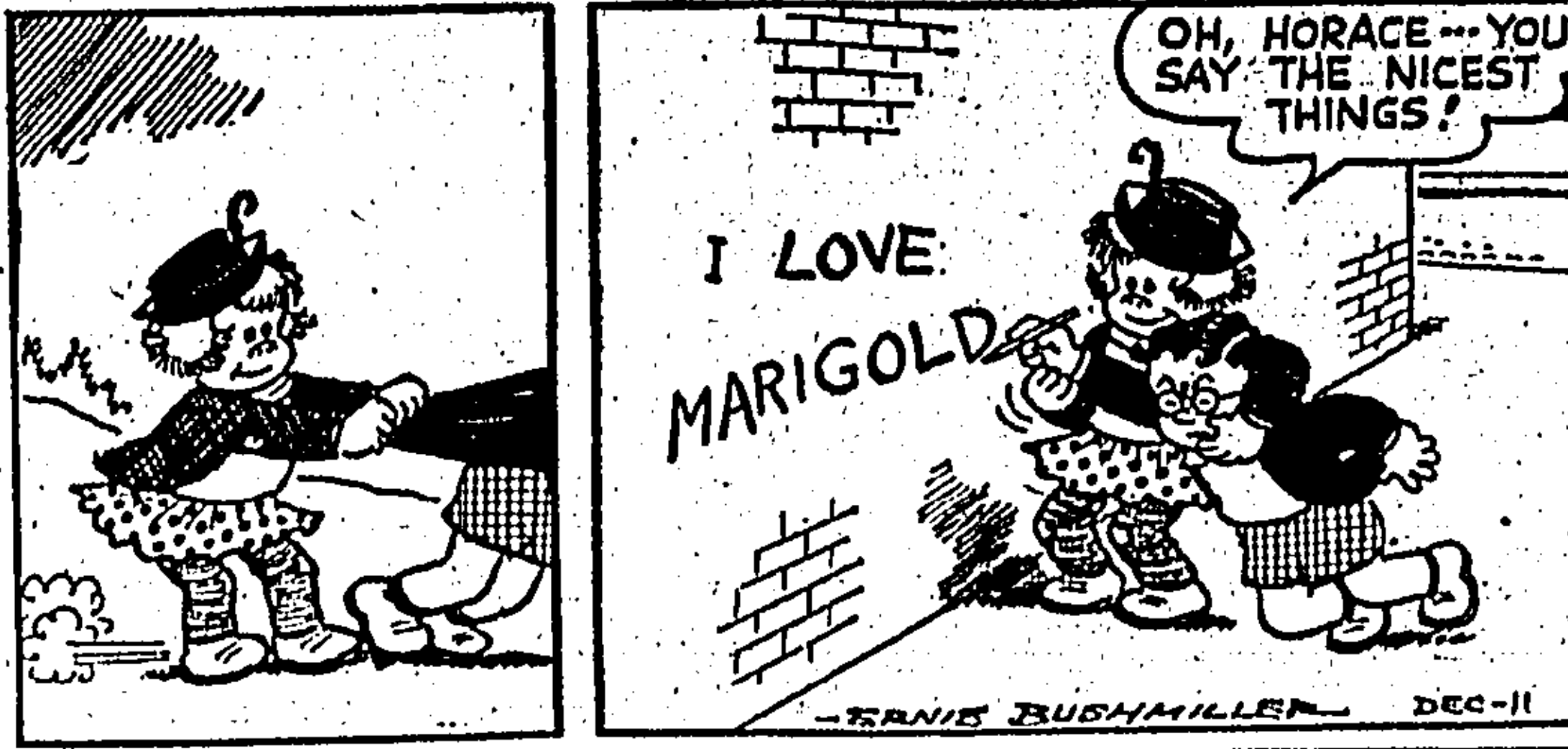
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



## RUNNING OF ZOO IN WARTIME

### Difficulties Being Counteracted

The war's effect on the running of the Scottish Zoological Park was the subject of an address by Lord Salvessen at the first meeting of the season of the Zoological Park Luncheon Club recently.

Lord Salvessen said that for the first time they were appreciating the full effects of wartime in carrying on the Zoo. The income for the first six months of the year for the past five years averaged £12,907, but this year the takings were £5,300.

The management had tried to meet the difficult situation in various ways. The staff had been reduced, and a number of animals which could easily be replaced at the termination of the war had been disposed of.

They had been able to counter the difficulties to a certain extent by Mr Gillespie's adoption scheme, which had had a fair measure of success. A sum of £600 had been promised or given for the feeding of the adopted animals. There were, however, plenty of animals yet requiring fosterparents.

Lord Salvessen said he had thought of another method of helping. Anybody who had a garden would have a large amount of surplus material in the way of cabbage leaves or the leaves of other succulent vegetables. These would be very useful to the Zoo, and they would be willing to go round and collect a sackful from any person.

#### Wolves Complaint

Lord Salvessen gave an interesting piece of information when he referred to the fact that fifteen wolves had been disposed of in defiance to the complaints of their being noisy and the danger if they escaped during an air raid. The animals, he said, were tame and very timorous, and never attacked a person single-handed.

Lord Salvessen stressed the value of the Zoo. He did not know of any other outdoor recreation that was comparable to a visit to the Zoo. From the start of the war they had thrown open their doors to every person in uniform, and 20,000 uniformed persons had already entered the Zoo free of charge.

#### PROSPERITY IN WOOL INDUSTRY

Very big orders are now being placed throughout the wool industry for material to be made up into blankets. One agent offered a contract for 1,000,000 lbs. of coarse count yarn. When ready, the blankets will be sent as quickly as possible to London and elsewhere for the use of people whose houses have been bombed, and who are now housed in schools and other buildings.

#### SOLDIERS RESCUE SEAGULL

Hundreds of people on the promenade at a South Coast town watched a seagull struggle for its life when it became caught in a barbed-wire entanglement. They called to soldiers to shoot it. Two Scotsmen of a Highland Regiment threaded their way through the wire until they reached the seagull, freed it, and took it back to their dug-out for a meal before letting it go.

## Cardinal Condemns War Savagery

The indiscriminate bombing and slaughter of non-combatants and the destruction of churches, convents, schools, and hospitals must stir the deepest indignation in everyone in whom lingers a trace of civilisation.

The Archbishop of Westminster (Cardinal Hinsley) says this in a message to the Protonary Apostolic of Athens.

"Nothing better could be expected of youths trained in the school of totalitarian paganism, but the voice of the Christian world will loudly condemn such savagery," he says.

"Slaves to Tyranny. We must believe that the Italian people lend themselves freely to the methods practised on the Greeks."

"Surely Italians will cast off the fetters which make them the slaves of Nordic tyranny."

"To aid or abet the unscrupulous power-hunters seeking to degrade Europe below the lowest level of its idolatrous past, will brand with infamy—all those who co-operate in it."

#### BERLIN STREET OBJECTS

Residents in Berlin Street, Belfast, do not intend to accept the decision of the City Council that the name of the thoroughfare should not be changed. The Council decided that German and Italian names are to remain, but the people of Berlin Street are to petition the City Fathers, for they feel that the name no longer does them credit.

#### HOLIDAY ASSAULT

Failing to appear before Mr K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday on an assault charge, Charles G. McCombie, 29, officer of a British steamer, had his bail of \$250 extended.

McCombie was alleged to have assaulted George Daniel Hirschfeld, 26, merchant, of No. 30 Mody Road, at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday.



SHELTERS—Britons have appropriated railway tunnels for sleeping quarters during air raids. Those quarters in Ramsgate tunnel are 90 feet underground, completed before start of war.

## Guard Aircraft Plants To Prevent Sabotage

By Alexander Kahn

United Press Staff Correspondent

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (UP).—Privately-owned aircraft plants in Southern California are under the most stringent surveillance to prevent possible sabotage of planes being built for the United States and Britain.

Even executives of aircraft companies must follow closely the rules laid down by military intelligence officers assigned to guard these key industrial units.

Recently Robert Gross, president of Lockheed Aircraft Company, was stopped in his own plant and forced to don a badge identifying him as a company employee before he was permitted to go through the factory.

In addition to Army and Navy intelligence officers by the score, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, private police and British intelligence agents are on guard against saboteurs. Every major aeroplane factory in Southern California has orders from Britain for lighting or training planes, and at each factory the British Purchasing Commission has set up its own offices to check every step in the building of the planes.

Carl A. Cover, vice president of the Douglas Aircraft Company, recently announced, in answer to reports that the Dies Committee had predicted an outbreak of sabotage on the West Coast, that every possible precaution was being taken by military intelligence officers.

A source close to the aircraft industry revealed that the danger of sabotage is minimized through decentralized mass production and close employee supervision.

Unlike automobile production, no assembly line, as such, exists in aeroplane factories. The work is divided into several operations and each of these is handled by a separate crew of craftsmen. Before the plane can go on to the next operation, it must meet rigid inspection, and any faults found must be corrected before it is passed.

Minute inspection. These inspections are made by veteran and trusted employees. They check every rivet and bolt with magnifying glasses. And even when passed by the inspectors, they are re-inspected at unattended intervals by Army and Navy experts as well as by British representatives.

Employee supervision is worked along similar lines. Every worker is provided with a badge which, by its colour, discloses in what department he is employed. Any employee found in the wrong department immediately goes before the intelligence officers for questioning. He is subject to instant dismissal unless the military men are satisfied with his explanation.

In addition to the identifying badge, the employee carries a card which tells what department he works in and bears his photograph and fingerprints. He must have this card with him at all times.

The infrequent visitor to any of the aeroplane plants in this area also is badged and some report that, although escorted by company guides, they were stopped from a half-dozen to a dozen times by special police who examined their passes.

Eyes All Watching. The number of intelligence officers, FBI agents and private police working in each of the plants is military information not made public. But it is known that at the Lockheed Plant in Burbank, Cal., alone, there are more than 100 private officers, far exceeding the entire police force of

## War May End Show Ban

By A Nose

Plans for more and better wartime entertainment are to be considered by an emergency committee set up by the London Theatre Council.

The committee will review problems arising from the present phase of the war, and the extension of entertainment to give employment to actors and actresses thrown out of work.

Apart from this move by managers and actors, the Theatrical Managers' Association is trying to obtain permission for theatres to open for Sunday matinees.

It is hoped that the 150-year-old law forbidding Sunday shows in costume or make-up will be suspended, at least for the duration of the war.

## Baton Twirler Loses —By A Nose

Violet Mulvanny, 19, who won the American Legion drum majorette contest at Boston, lost her place at the head of the University of Mississippi band—by a nose. Her own nose.

The pretty baton twirler had expected to step before the Mississippi Georgia football crowd recently at Athens. But in a parade she tossed her baton upward, failed to see it coming down. It struck her nose.

## Captured Britons' One Meal

THE life of English prisoners in German concentration camps in occupied France was described to a newspaper correspondent recently in London by an English woman who visited one.

"All Englishmen between the ages of 18 and 56 were taken," she said.

"A German official came to each door and took them at once with just a small bundle of clothing as luggage."

"In the camp I visited conditions were not too bad. There are two huge dormitories for 150 prisoners and a barbed wire enclosure."

Weekly Visitors. Visitors are allowed once a week, but they must stand outside the barbed wire at a shouting distance. A guard with revolvers remains beside the visitor.

"Prisoners are provided, but there is no heating in the huts. Everything seemed clean and efficient, and I was amused to see City businessmen speak and shaven in spite of the great soap shortage."

"Prisoners wash their own clothes under a communal pump. They have only one meal a day—lentil soup, with meat in it, and bread."

Bored. "Those with wives and families outside are allowed to receive a little money. A fruit and vegetable man calls daily at the camp to sell to the men."

"Boredom is the worst thing. Only German newspapers are allowed, and the men have nothing to do all day. The villagers are very kind to us," the Englishwoman concluded.

"All the English in my district kept very cheerful and courageous, in spite of difficulties and hardships."

#### "SIAMESE" TWINS

"Siamese" twins have been born to the wife of a Spanish fisherman in a village near Alicante. The twins, who are joined from their neck to their toes, are expected to survive.

## Millions Undergo Training

## U.S. Army Practises Blitzkrieg Tactics

By John A. Reichmann

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—The United States Army is confident of its ability to meet any emergency that could confront it now and, likewise, any future emergency.

That is the opinion of officers working long hours in army posts throughout the country to convert millions of peaceful men and billions of taxpayers' money into an efficient, hard-hitting army.

Their confidence is reflected in the high morale manifested at various posts visited by this correspondent and other defence writers during a recent army-sponsored air tour of the continental defence establishment.

The new national army that is being worked into shape gave the impression that it was deadly serious about its job. In many ways, the army of to-day presents a different picture than the army of 1917. The officers and men are more casual in their relations, yet there is no lack of discipline. The salute is as brisk as ever and the air about the camps is thick with "yes, sir" and "no, sir."

Throughout the area covered by the survey—from Fort Bliss, Texas to Fort Benning, Georgia—barracks were sprouting from the mud and dust, as they did in 1917. But there is an ordered form to the expansion programme.

Company streets are laid out with greater efficiency. Sometimes the equipment is inadequate, but it is kept in tip-top shape. At Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where the new 349th Field Artillery Regiment is being formed with negro recruits, the 165-millimeter rifles made in France in 1917 are polished until they are as shiny as the 1940 tractors that pull them.

#### Training Survey

At Fort Knox, Kentucky, young men with a flair for machines are applying their genius to modern, armour-plated tanks that go tearing across the broken ravines along the Ohio River at 50 miles an hour, firing cannon at targets.

The officers of this new armoured corps know, and they tell their men, that they are but one part of a team; that the tanks themselves cannot win wars but must use their tremendous striking power to break through and fan out behind an enemy, facilitating the work of the infantry.

At Fort Bliss, Texas, horse cavalry is fighting to maintain its place in the armours of some other branches that the day of the horse has passed. Officers there pointed out that many areas prevent any use of tanks and that horse and horsemen can carry a great fire power over difficult terrain at a remarkable speed.

To clinch their argument, these veteran officers ask, "How do you know where the next war will be fought?"

#### Air Classes

At Randolph Field, Texas, young cadets work long hours with their comparatively few training planes, rushing from class to class to get the last miles of training service from them. On a fair day, the skies over those Texas plains roar as one class swoops down after its lesson and another one takes off.

The new streamlined infantry division at Fort Sam Houston demonstrates how quickly it can move foot soldiers from one point to another. Their mobility is incredible to World War doughboys.

At Fort Benning, Georgia, the second armoured division works out tank manoeuvres in steep ravines and wooded hillsides, through rain and dust. Parachute troops tumble dizzily from low-flying planes, their

#### Two Lessons

All of these men and all of this activity represent the army's adaptation of lessons learned from modern war.

The two most important army lessons learned so far, the veteran officers indicate, are to get infantry into the breach at the front more quickly than before and, secondly, to arm it more heavily so that it can strike harder on offensive or in repelling a counter-attack.

The tanks, the dive bombers and the artillery may breach enemy lines, but it is still the infantry that gains ground and holds it, they assert.

## Crown Prince Umberto

### Believed Held Prisoner

ITALIAN troops believe that Crown Prince Umberto is interned somewhere in northern Italy. Italian officers taken prisoner by the Greeks said this, an Athens message states.

Prince Umberto, who is 37, was told by Mussolini in February last year that he no longer held his title, as it had been abolished.

He had annoyed Mussolini by refusing to support the Italian Government's anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic policy.

He had also opposed the anti-French policy of the Italian Foreign Minister (Count Ciano).

#### Virtual Exile

It was rumoured in May last year that Mussolini was virtually exiling Prince Umberto to Belgium.

In October, 1929, an Italian student tried to assassinate the Crown Prince in Brussels because he had "betrayed the Italian Constitution."

Prince Umberto was married to Princess Marie Jose of Belgium in January, 1930. They have one son, aged four.

## Hitler, Duce At Concert

### "Let Me Die" Played

During Mussolini's meeting with Hitler in the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, recently, Italian pursuit planes cruised overhead, the Rome correspondent of the "New York Times" discloses.

He notes that in the Clement VII. Hall, where the Dictators talked to one another, there is a bust of Machiavelli, and he records that, after lunch, rain put off the concert at which they attended a concert at which Monteverdi's "Let Me Die" was played.

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RUSSIA BOUND—Lt. General Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, recently appointed to represent Japanese government as Ambassador to Moscow, about to leave Tokyo, Japan. He is bidden adieu by Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuo, right.



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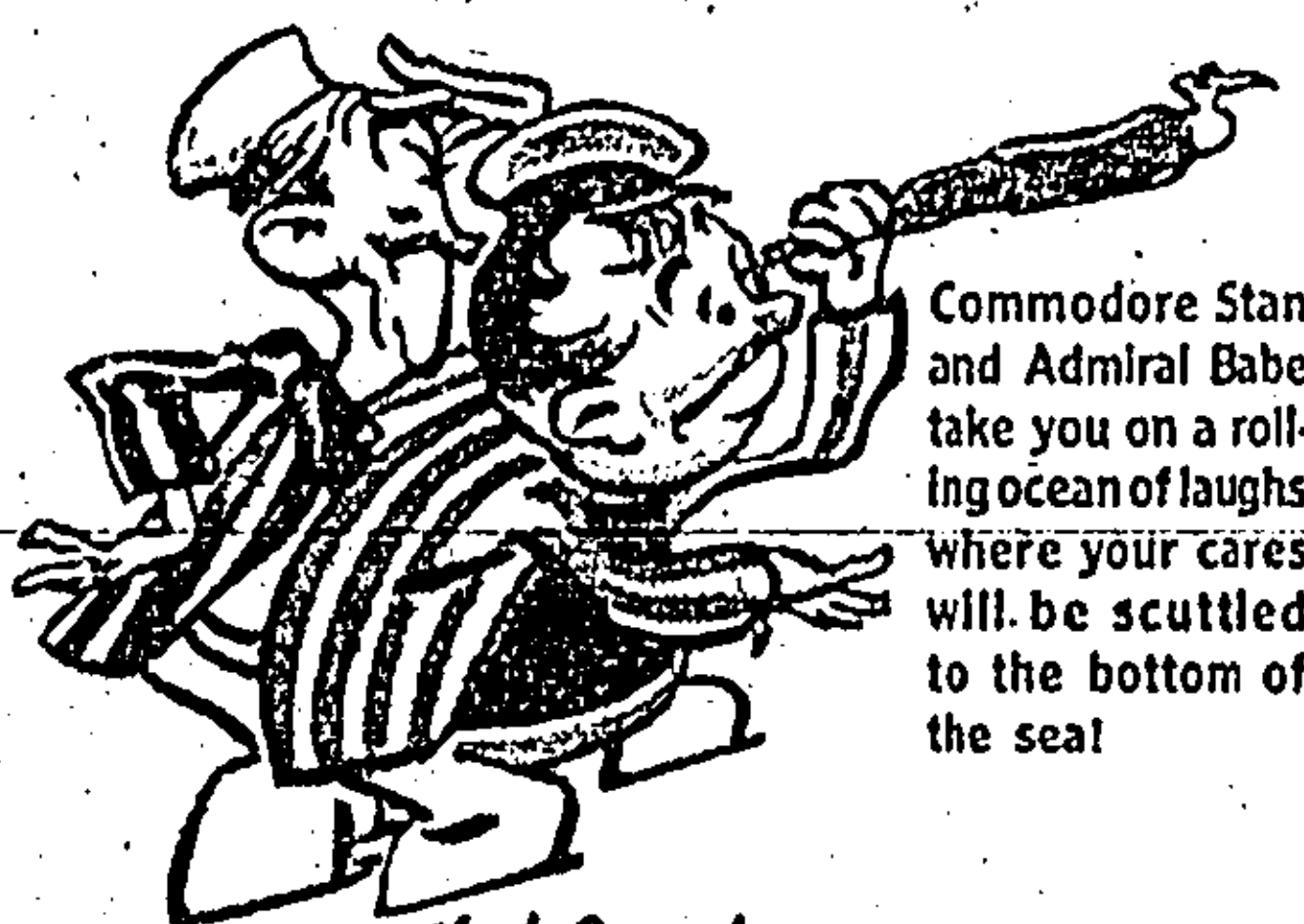
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SHOPPING SPOILED—No shopping to-day for London women in famous Burlington Arcade, London. Hitler's airman caused this damage.

## Chungking Department's Award In Local Court

The Chinese Government Salt Administration was awarded \$221,327 damages by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning in an action against Tsang Pak-woon, trading as Tak Kee Hong, of 55, Bonham Strand East, and Poon Yuek-kwong, trading as Chuen Kee Cheong, of 24, Wing Kut Street, for breach of contract.

According to the statement of claim, a contract entered into on November 23, 1939, was for the delivery of 8,000 tons of salt by the first defendant. Second defendant signed the contract as guarantor.

Mr Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr C. Y. Kwan, appeared for plaintiffs. Defendants were not present in Court, nor were they legally represented.

Mr Potter said that the Administration was a department of the Government of China and under the authorities it was entitled to sue or be sued in Hongkong. Defendants had originally filed a statement of defence but this was ordered to be struck out because of non-compliance with an order for discovery, and Messrs Hastings and Co., who were then acting for them, had since intimated that they had no further instructions.

**Terms of the Contract**  
Under the terms of the contract, went on Mr Potter, 8,000 tons of salt were to be delivered at not less than 1,200 tons a month, at a price of \$40.00 (Hongkong). Only 780 tons had been delivered and though plaintiffs went out of their way time after time by delaying action, defendants had not been able to fulfil the contract. As a result, plaintiffs had to buy the salt elsewhere at a price higher than that quoted in the contract, and suffered a loss of \$221,327.

Mr J. Watson, of the Colonial Secretariat, produced a despatch from the British Embassy in Chungking enclosing a statement from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Salt Administration was a department of the Chinese Government.

Mr Lui Yan-sang, representative of the Chungking Government in connection with the proceedings, said that he had been with the Administration for 28 years, and until January 10 he was Director of the Hongkong Office. The contract was entered into on November 23, 1939 and was signed on behalf of the Administration by Mr Ho Shun-yung, then Assistant Director in Hongkong. The contract provided for the delivery of 8,000 tons of salt but only 780 tons had been handed over.

### In Open Market

Repeated requests for the remainder to be delivered and attempts to help defendants were of no avail. As a result of the failure of the contract, the Administration had to purchase salt in the open market. A total of 5,874 tons of foreign salt was bought at an average price of \$52,575 (Hongkong) and the total amount paid was \$308,060.00. At the time of the purchase, Chinese salt was scarce and the price for it was even higher than that of foreign salt. Under the contract, the price the Administration had to pay for the same number of tons of salt was to have been \$317,537.55.

When the contract was made, the Administration deposited \$10,000 with the defendants, and this had not been returned.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs—with costs—for \$221,327.54 plus \$10,000 deposited with defendants.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Consular Body has decided to convene a new rate-payers' meeting on February 5.

## GERMANS POUR INTO ITALY

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the foreign diplomatic corps and never re-appeared, and when enquiries were made, the answer invariably was that they had left suddenly for an unknown destination.

**Restoration of Monarchy**  
There is reported to be a growing element among the Italian aristocracy which advocates the restoration of the monarchy to power and the overthrow of the Fascists. Mussolini's fear of the influence this element might have on the army is said to lie behind the hurried despatch of German troops.

The report concludes, however, that it would be over-optimistic to look for a real anti-Fascist revolt at present.

### Trieste Demonstrators

BELGRADE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Fascist forces have had to fire on demonstrators in Trieste, according to people arriving here from Italy today.

Their accounts follow reports of rioting in Milan and Turin. A number of casualties are said to have been caused at Trieste among the demonstrators who shouted slogans demanding peace and condemning the Fascist regime and denouncing Germany.

Similar demonstrations are reported from many smaller towns in the Po Valley, where public unrest is finding expression despite severe measures by Fascists and the Gestapo.

### U.S. Reports Anger Fascists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Jan. 28 (UP).—Mass demonstrations against American reports of disorders in cities in northern Italy were held in Milan, Turin and Verona today.

At Milan, 25,000 Fascists in front of the Fascist headquarters shouted, "Viva Axis; Viva Mussolini; Viva Hitler" and there were catcalls and boos which greeted the cries of "Where is the American correspondent covering this demonstration?"

At Turin, 15,000 people gathered in front of the Fascist headquarters cheering Mussolini and Hitler. The Federal Secretary, Pietro Gazzetti, read a denunciation of the American Agency's distribution of the riot reports from the balcony of the building.

Similar demonstrations of protests were made at Verona.

## Morgenthau Wants Aid To Britain

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material had virtually stopped in December.

Urging speedy approval of the Lease and Lend Bill, he declared that it was a necessary demonstration by a telephone conversation which he had had yesterday. "Mr Knudsen (Director-General of the Committee to speed up United States arms production) called me up, and asked if something could not be done to permit the British order for 2,000 planes which they want but for which they had not been able to place orders."

Morgenthau added that Mr Knudsen told him that plenty of capacity was available for orders if they could not be placed.

### Condition of Fighting

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—"If this Bill does not pass Congress, the British cannot continue to fight," Morgenthau told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The decision rests with Congress whether Britain, Greece and China are to continue to fight."

Mr Morgenthau testified that British citizens had arranged to sell, within 12 months, every bit of property they owned in the United States to finance war contracts.

Morgenthau referred to the depletion of Britain's gold and other assets in the United States and said that he had mentally written off some time ago Britain's debt to the United States arising from the Great War.

## Thai And Indo-China Postpone Armistice:

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ing Chong. In the Champasak sector, the French artillery fired on Kookun in an abortive attempt to reoccupy the city; however, the Thai forces repulsed the attack.

Yesterday at 11.15 a.m. two French twin-motored planes dropped bombs on a forest at an undisclosed point. The Thai air force to-day bombed Pailin and Stapsphon for two hours and also attacked French troop positions with good results. All planes returned despite strong anti-aircraft resistance.

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